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WHITE HAS THE FIELD

Foote and Lynch Both on the Shelf.

THE POPULISTS VERY MUM

No Business of Any Importance Transacted at Yesterday's Session.

SACRAMENTO, January 3.—The legislature met this morning and proceeded with organization.

The Republicans organized the senate, choosing the officers named in caucus, and the Democrats did the same in the assembly. No other business was transacted.

The Democrats are jubilant over the fact that Burke, a non-partisan of San Francisco, went into the Democratic caucus last night, as they take it as an indication that he will stand in with them on the senatorial fight.

They also claim that Carlson, the independent candidate, will vote for White, which will greatly strengthen that gentleman's position.

The assembly completed its organization this afternoon by the election as speaker of F. H. Gould of Merced county; chief clerk, George W. Peckham of Santa Ana; assistant clerks, E. J. Pringle and Marion Zager; sergeant-at-arms, Thomas E. Healy of San Francisco; minute clerk, S. Alexander of Sacramento; engrossing clerk, James Well of San Francisco; journal clerk, Frank Anaya of Sacramento; enrolling clerk, Felix Mulgrew of Sonoma.

The Republicans organized the senate with R. B. Carpenter of Los Angeles as president pro tem.

At the afternoon session the governors' message was received and ordered printed. Both houses then adjourned until tomorrow.

SACRAMENTO, January 4.—In the senate this morning, after routine proceedings, Senator McAllister of Marin rose to a question of privilege and denied the charges of treachery on his part concerning the senatorial contest.

The senate then adjourned until 11 a.m. tomorrow.

In the assembly Speaker Gould appointed as committee on contested elections Tindall of Mendocino, Schrobel of Calaveras, Alford of Tulare, Brownlie of San Francisco, Kerns of Los Angeles, Bulla of Los Angeles and Owen of Sacramento.

Bledsoe renewed his attempt to have a committee appointed to investigate the alleged sale of liquor in the basement of the capitol, but was defeated on points of order.

Adjourned.

SACRAMENTO, January 5.—The assembly allowed over $1100 for services and mileage of temporary officers and attaches.

Bledsoe and Carlson presented concurrent and joint resolutions relative to the Nicaragua canal.

John Cramer was appointed filing clerk to the sergeant-at-arms; William T. Bell, bill clerk, and Charles A. Flynn, assistant bill clerk. All three are from San Francisco. Miss Crawford of Lake county was appointed assistant filing clerk.

A resolution to allow each committee $10 worth of stationery was laid on the table.

Speaker Gould announced the death at Merced of Hon. J. W. Boet, once surveyor general of the state, and ex-member of the legislature, and a resolution that when the assembly adjourn, it be out of respect to his memory, was carried.

Adjourned until Monday.

In the senate this morning Lieutenant Governor Reddick announced but two committees, one on attaches' contingent expenses and mileage, consisting of Streeter, Maher, Broderick, Wilson and Arms, and on state library and rules, Ragsdale, Hart and Seawell.

Langford and Ostrom each offered joint resolutions favoring the Nicaragua canal, which were referred to the committee on federal relations.

Ostrom offered a joint resolution in favor of the anti-option bill now pending in congress. Referred to the committee on agriculture.

This afternoon an attempt was made to begin the introductions of bills, but was voted down.

The senate then adjourned till Monday.

Tevis in It.

SAN FRANCISCO, January .—The Post's Sacramento special says a story gained circulation this morning to the effect that Lloyd Tevis is to be introduced into the senatorial fight. The story was started by members of the third house, who came up from San Francisco last night. There is no doubt but what a large number of Democratic legislators would welcome such an addition to the list of senatorial candidates. They would like to see money introduced into the fight, and while they will go into their party caucus and abide by its decision, they hope to see the People's party representatives vote as a unit and thereby prevent the election of a senator.

According to the plans of those who hope to get Tevis into the contest, his name will not be mentioned until it becomes apparent that White cannot secure votes enough to elect. The banker will then be put forward as a dark horse. T. V. Cator, the Populist candidate for senator, has well defined his plan by which he expects to be elected. He is an old time Republican and is working on members of that party to combine with the Populists an elect him. Steve White appears a trifle agitated. He realizes that a strong movement is on foot to defeat him. He declares he has no railroad ties and is opposed to corporations.

Jerry Retires.

SAN FRANCISCO, January 4.—A Sacramento special to the Post says Jeremiah Lynch has withdrawn from the senatorial fight. Early this morning he instructed his followers to sign a call for a senatorial caucus tomorrow night. His action virtually places White in the field as the only Democratic candidate.

Followers of the Los Angeles statesman are jubilant, and claim there is nothing now in the way of ultimate success on joint ballot, and they openly declare that Carlson, Independent, and Burke, Non-partisan, will vote for their man yet.

Senators Mitchell and Dunn, and Assemblymen Boyce and Cusick have not signed the call, and say they will not. This may result in causing a deadlock.

THE SENATORIAL FIGHT.

The Examiner to Spring a Dark Horse.

Special to The Republican.

SACRAMENTO, January 4.—White is recognized as the legitimate candidate, but his election is doubtful. It takes sixty-one votes in joint convention to elect a senator. The legislature must ballot on the second Tuesday after the legislative organization. The Democratic vote stands fifty-nine with Ostman, Wilson, Lynch, etc., for complimentary votes on the first three ballots.

The best information is that the Republicans will throw enough to White to elect him and shut out the guerillas and camp followers itching hands.

Lloyd Tevis has been importuned to be a candidate, but has declined the sacrifice. He said that he could not afford either defeat or election and he further said that he would not be the victim of De Young's reimbursements as Felton and Stanford were. As the matter stands it looks as if Cator and the Independents would be thrown out with the possibility of a fusion of Democrats and Republicans to elect White.

No business of any importance was transacted today nor will there be till the senatorial question is settled. There is a rumor that Irwin Stamp, Hearst's agent, has an Examiner dark horse yet to spring.

THE SENATORIAL FIGHT.

Our Steve Still Threatened With a Dark Horse.

Special to The Republican.

SACRAMENTO, January 5.—The senatorial situation is mixed. The Democrats will hold a caucus tonight for White. Some disappointed Democrats threaten to vote for Jerry Lynch if the caucus is held.

The prevailing opinion is that The Republicans will give enough votes to White to settle the issue.

The Cator and Murray men are still firm for the Populists, No offers have been made to them by the Democrats. The Independent and Non-partisan assemblymen are non committal. Wilson of Tehama says that he will not go into the Democratic caucus. This leaves but fifty-eight Democratic caucus votes or three less than the required majority, and of these Democrats some are not solid for White.

The Republicans say that they will give the Democrats preference in making outside combinations. Some Democrats talk about a dark horse but they say that Tevis positively refuses to open the sack. This lack of sack is very discouraging to some patriots here.

Goucher is non-committal on the county division fight, but his friends say that as he favored the Glenn county bill he does not want to be inconsistent on other county division matters.

SOME PROGS.

How the Vote for United States Senator May Stand.

SAN FRANCISCO, January 5.—A Sacramento special says it was resolved by the assembly that when an adjournment was taken today it be in respect to the memory of General John W. Boet, once surveyor general and twice a member of the legislature.

The assembly will adjourn over until Monday to give the speaker a chance to make up his committees.

Including Burke, Non-partisan from San Francisco, the Democrats have sixty votes on joint ballot—sixty-one votes are necessary to a choice, and there are no indications as yet where the extra vote is to come from; 8 Populists with 1 Independent from San Diego have the balance of power.

Stephen M. White will be nominated by the Democratic caucus tonight.

T. V. Cator is the nominee of the People's Party, and it is expected that either Charles N. Felton or D. M. Burns will receive the Republican complimentary vote.

The Independent from San Diego has not said how he will vote, but a great effort is being made to induce him to vote for White.

Senator Dunn of San Francisco is not satisfied with the way he has been treated and freely expresses his opinion. He signed the caucus call, but did so unwillingly. Certain patronage was promised in San Francisco for his friendship, but his friends have not got their places.

Senator Mitchell and Assemblyman Boyce and Cusick express the same opinion, and Schlessenger is another dissatisfied one.

The Democratic caucus had 39 present, Carlson, Independent, did not go in on the first ballot. White 46, Wilson of Tehama 7, Lynch 6.

The second ballot was unanimous for White.

Carlisle for Treasurer.

FRANKFORT, Ky., January 3.—It is reported on reliable authority that John G. Carlisle has concluded to accept the secretary of the treasury portfolio. This information comes from a prominent politician, who is an intimate friend of Senator Carlisle. Congressman Caruther said he knew the position had been tendered Mr. Carlisle, and it is believed here that he accepted and a contest for the senatorial successorship has commenced.

Murphy the Man.

ALBANY, January 3.—Democratic sentiment, as gathered here from leading Democrats of the state, indicates a desire of all for the unanimous election of Edward Murphy as United States Senator. As predicted, the opposition does not materialize, and from all that can be gathered by listening to conversations in different hotels and other places in Albany, Mr. Murphy is the choice by an overwhelming majority.

McKinley's Message.

COLUMBUS, January 3.—Governor McKinley, in his annual message to the legislature, reviews the financial condition of the state, which shows a deficit of $69,833, and says the revenues this year will justify the sum of the appropriations being kept within the estimated expenses. He recommends that the voice of the people demanding reform in municipal government be heeded.

Deadlock in Tennessee.

NASHVILLE, January 3.—The general assembly met this morning. The house chose Ralph Davis as speaker, but the senate deadlocked on the question of a presiding officer. Fifty-three ballots were taken without a choice. D. I. Smukes leads in the contest, with six minor candidates.

The Electoral Vote.

NEW YORK, January 3.—The Evening Post today says: The settlement of the Oregon contests makes it possible to give an accurate table of the vote for president as it should be cast by the electoral college, and which will show the total number of votes to be 444, necessary to a choice 223. Cleveland has a majority of 108. The total of the respective candidates is as follows: Cleveland 275, Harrison 144, Weaver 24.

BLOOD IN KENTUCKY

A Dozen Citizens Killed or Wounded

OVER A VERY TRIFLING MATTER

The End Thought to be Not Yet, and More Blood is Likely to Flow.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., January 3.—The bloodiest fight in Magoffin county's history took place today about one mile from Salicersville. There were eight or ten of the county's best known citizens engaged on each side, armed with repeating rifles and navy pistols, and the trouble which had its inception in trivial matters the day before culminated in a pitched battle.

John Davis, killed by a pistol shot, said to have been slain after he was disabled and disarmed.

W. E. Deskins, constable, fatally wounded by a shot in the right hip.

Monteville Deskins, justice of the peace, not found since the fight and is supposed to be fatally wounded.

Shepherd Cole, coroner of the county, received some fearful blows with a clubbed gun and may die.

Bruce Patrick, shot through the bowels and reported dying.

W. T. Patrick received a rifle ball alongside of the head and at first was supposed to be dead, but rallied and his physicians say he will live if there is no concussion of the brain.

Reports as to who are immediately responsible for the terrible affair are conflicting, and it is not even known who fired the fatal shot.

Dug Risner and Samuel Risner were brought here this morning by Coroner Cole and strong guards charged under a warrant issued by Monteville Deskins with assault on W. T. Deskins.

The coroner committed the dangerous impropriety of making guards of persons who were identified with the prosecution and for whose protection the warrant was issued. This was resented by friends of the prisoner and both sides came to town heavily armed.

The prisoners were returned before Police Justice George H. Gardner, and the commonwealth not being ready for trial they were released under bonds.

Some loud talking on the part of one of the Risners nearly precipitated a fight in town, but the prompt interference of authorities prevented it, and the fight took place an hour later.

No arrests were made and it is feared another is imminent.

Why It Was Done.

JOHNSON CITY, Tenn., January 4.—The facts which led to the terrible lynching affray in Bakersville, N. C., is as follows: Aaron Wiseman and Calvin Snipes were partners in Illicit distilling in Mitchell county, N. C., and sold William and Isaac Osborne, two brothers, where the distillery was situated. William Osborne reported to the officials and helped them destroy it. Wiseman and Snipes suspected Isaac Osborne as the reporter. On the night of August 27, 1892, armed with winchesters they went to Isaac Osborne's, and calling him to the door opened fire, almost riddling him with bullets. Wiseman and Snipes were arrested, but sufficient evidence could not be obtained against Wiseman and he was released, but Snipes was bound over to the superior court on purely circumstantial evidence. He was placed in jail, and after being confined two week confessed to the killing in the manner as above related.

Who Were Killed.

JOHNSON CITY, Tenn., January 5.—Following is a revised list of the killed at the Bakersville lynching Tuesday night: Members of the sheriff's posse—Tom Hall, J. N. Williams, D. F. Ritchie, R. N. Jones, P. R. Sams, R. F. Johnson, William Reed, T. N. Beckner, J. W. Laws, N. R. Pannell, G. N. Hallifield. Members of the mob—Jack and Owen Thomas, William and John Osborne, John Worth, G. Bailiff, Will Perry, Phil Crawder, Jim Fance, Will Butler and Hager Byrd. No further particulars of the riot can be obtained as the snow is two feet deep over the entire country thereabout, which prevents communication. It is reported that two men were killed in Madison county.

Raleigh—A dispatch from a prominent citizen of Mitchell county to the Chronicle pronounces the report of the riot and lynching at Bakersville a gross canard. If the lynching occurred the report is greatly exaggerated. Many names reported among the killed are unknown in that section.

Lynched for Murder.

SPOKANE, January 3.—At midnight last night a mob of twenty-five or thirty masked men called upon Deputy Sheriff Wright at Kendrick, Idaho, and at the point of revolvers demanded the keys to the cell of Albert Roberts, who murdered Jack Sutherland at Leland about two weeks ago. The keys were obtained and Roberts taken from jail across the road to an old grist mill and hanged. The coroner held an inquest today and the jury returned a verdict in accordance with the facts.

Sutherland and Roberts became involved in a quarrel over wages due the latter, and during the altercation Roberts called Sutherland a liar, whereupon Sutherland proceeded to chastise him. Roberts drew a revolver and fired three shots, all of which took effect in Sutherland's abdomen.

A Deadly Affray.

FARMERSVILLE, La., January 3.—A deadly shooting affray yesterday at Marion between A. Carroll and J. R. Carroll on one side and Lee Cox, Oscar Cox R. A. Alexander on the other side, resulting in the killing of A. Carroll and the mortal wounding of the other Carroll and Lee Cox, Alexander and Oscar Cox receiving painful wounds, but not dangerous. Bad blood has been existing for some time between the parties over law suits.

Allen's Hopes.

TACOMA, January 3.—Senator John B. Allen arrived from Washington today and will remain until the legislature which meets next Monday elects his successor. He is confident of a re-election. His strongest opponent is Judge George Turner of Spokane.

Another Mystery.

MODESTO, January 3.—Word was received late this evening that Lafayette Steele, a farmer living nine miles east of Modesto, was instantly killed by a shot from an unknown source. The shot took effect in the heart. The coroner has just gone out to investigate.

Sharp Practice in Nebraska.

LINCOLN, January 3.—If the Republicans can succeed in filibustering all the afternoon they will only lack two votes of a majority in the lower house by 6 o'clock tonight. Last night County Clerk Van Camp of Knox county was captured by messenger from the supreme court and ordered to canvass the returns of Knox and Boyd counties. Van Camp had already issued a certificate of election to Kruse, Populist, for the house, but had not canvassed the vote of Boyd county. When ordered to do so Van Camp fled, and was only captured after two days' chase. Late last night he completed the canvass of votes and issued a second certificate of election to Chester Norton, Republican. A messenger is now hurrying to Lincoln with the certificate by stage.

The senate was unable to organize, members of the three parties voting solidly for their own candidate for secretary. Two sessions were held without result.

In the house a great uproar ensued when the secretary called the names of Norton instead of Kruose, but Norton took the seat.

The Democrats joined with the Independents and gave them the organization.

Coffin was elected speaker and Eric Johnson chief clerk.

The committee on credentials appointed by the new organization reported against Norton, Republican, and Kruose, Independent.

Both houses adjourned till 10 o'clock tomorrow.

Recommendations From Flower.

ALBANY, January 3.—The legislature convened at noon. William Sulzer of New York was made speaker of the house. Governor Flower's message was read in both houses and an adjournment taken for a week. The Governor's statement of finances showed that the state owed $450,000 and had a balance of $1,701,557 in the treasury. The Buffalo strike cost the state $102,657. Commenting on the strike the Governor said any man had a right to quit work and peacefully persuade others to do likewise, but any exhibition of physical force to prevent others from working must be prevented, with the whole power of the state, if necessary. The message recommended a "carefully guarded compulsory education law," rigid enactments against election bribes, government supervision of quarantine abroad and leaving the local quarantine to the state.

Duncan After Foster.

LOS ANGELES, January 3.—The Express today says that Colonel Blanton Duncan has forwarded to Speaker Crisp a communication calling attention to the alleged conduct of Secretary Foster and the attorney general in the Itata case. In speaking of the communication Duncan said that during the Itata trial Foster was in Washington as the attorney of the Balmaceddists and at the same time as attorney for the department of state, and especially connected with the attorney general's office. That as such he directed the commencement of proceedings in this city against the Itata, saying the attorney general would in a few days forward his commission as special attorney of the United States, remarking at the close of his note that while it was possible the proceedings against the Itata might not be successful yet, nevertheless, it was decided they should be commenced. Duncan says in the light of Foster having been appointed a representative in the Behring sea case it is desirable that congress investigate his connection with the Itata matter.

Improving Rapidly.

WASHINGTON, January 3.—The report that Blaine had suffered another relapse and his condition had assumed an alarming aspect was not sustained by inquiries. On account of the peculiar organic disease Blaine, in his present weak condition, is susceptible to the slightest change of weather, where various changes have a depressing effect upon his spirits, but are of short duration. Blaine, it is said, appeared unusually bright this morning and showed an especial interest in things of the members of his family. The family share the belief with Dr. Johnston that the ex-secretary is maintaining the steady improvement noted in his condition during the past week.

Wouldn't Meditate.

BUENOS AYRES, January 3.—The federal government sent Commissioner Corrientes a few days ago to meditate between the insurgents and the regularly constituted authorities of the provinces. The commissioner failed, however, in his efforts to bring about a cessation of hostilities. The two sides massed forces and a fierce battle was fought, the result of which is not yet known here. The town of Cosaco is besieged by the rebels and is offering a stubborn resistance.

New Racing Club.

SAN FRANCISCO, January 3.—The California Jockey club was organized here today, with T. H. Williams Jr., president, and Adolph Spreckels vice president. The club includes among its members several directors of the Pacific Coast Bloodhorse association. It will give forty days' racing at the Bay District track commencing on Tuesday next, or at the expiration of the Bloodhorse association's winter meeting.

Hotel Burned.

STOCKTON, January 3.—The hotel at Linden, twelve miles east of this city was destroyed by fire at 10 30 o'clock tonight and nothing was saved. Sixteen persons were asleep in the hotel and got out with difficulty but lost their clothes. The fire caught in the rear of the hotel, probably in the kitchen. The hotel and adjoining hall were valued at $8000 but were insured for only $3000.

Cuba to Be Shut Out.

ATLANTA, January 3.—The senatorial committee to investigate infectious diseases reached here today on their return to Washington. In an interview Senator Call said the committee had decided to recommend a quarantine against Cuba in the early spring.

One More for California.

LICK OBSERVATORY, January 3.—Notification has been received that the Lalande prize of the Paris Academy of Sciences was awarded Professor Barnard of Lick Observatory December 19, 1892, for his work in astronomy, especially for his discovery of the fifth satellite of Jupiter.

The Territorial Building.

CHICAGO, January 3.—Ground was broken today for the territorial building at the World's fair, to be erected jointly by Arizona, New Mexico and Oklahoma. Materials for the building will be contributed by the territories mentioned.

Gets an Appointment.

WASHINGTON, January 4.—The President has sent to the senate the nomination of Gilbert Pearce of Minnesota to be minister to Portugal.

WAS SHE MURDERED?

Fresh News in the Ayres Mystery.

HER ARDENT LOVE FOR JEFFERIS

The Arrested Man Denies all Knowledge of the Horrid Crime.

SACRAMENTO, January 3.—Railroad Officers Burke and True today brought here George Jeffreys, the railroad engineer who is suspected of complicity in the murder of Miss Ayers, the Brighton station telegraph operator.

The reason Jeffreys was arrested is that he and Miss Ayers were married some months ago, according to the records in San Francisco, although he has a wife and family in Oakland.

It is said he and deceased quarreled frequently.

Jeffreys was interviewed at length by District Attorney Ryan. He maintains he is innocent of the crime and says he can prove where he was in the city during the few hours between his arrival and departure on the night of the tragedy. He also denies the alleged marriage with Miss Ayers and declares that if any such record exists it is a fraud perpetrated by some enemy to get him into trouble.

He says the woman was enamored of him and kept writing letters urging him to abandon his wife and wed her by contract. He will, however, be held, pending an inquest.

Many are beginning to believe now that the woman shot herself and in doing so set fire to her clothing, which smoldered from about midnight till 4 in the morning, when the fire broke out.

As stated yesterday, a doctor passing there at 2 a.m. smelled burning clothes, and one cartridge in Moses Ayres' pistol, when found, had been discharged before the fire discharged the others.

SAN FRANCISCO, January 3.—Miss Clara Olga Ayres, the young woman whose dead body was found in the ruins of the station at Brighton, was married in this city July 8, 1892, by Rev. M. J. Ferguson, Christian minister, to George B. Jeffreys. The bride requested the marriage to be kept secret, as she was a school teacher and would lose her position if it became known that she was married.

Neither party called for a marriage certificate, but on December 23d a stranger called on Mr. Ferguson and asked for the certificate. He was told to call again, which he did December 29th. In the mean time Mr. Ferguson had received a note from Miss Ayers telling him not to give the marriage certificate to her husband without a written order from her, and so Mr. Ferguson refused to give the certificate to the stranger. The minister does not think the stranger was Miss Ayer's husband.

SACRAMENTO, January 4.—An evening paper publishes a statement that one Starkey, night foreman of the railroad yard here, confessed today that Engineer George Jefferis two months ago proposed to him and a third party to dispose of Miss E. O. Ayres, the telegraph operator whose charred remains were found in the ruins of the depot at Brighton.

Jefferis is in jail here on suspicion of being implicated in the death of the woman to whom, it is said, he was married some time ago, while having a wife and children residing in Oakland.

Jefferis in his statement yesterday said he could prove he was not out of the city on the night of the tragedy until he left as engineer of the train about the time the station was burned. Some of the workmen now say he boarded a locomotive and went out to a brewery, one-third of the way to Brighton that night as soon as his train got into the city. If so he would have had time to walk to Brighton and back before time for him to leave the next morning. Still he may not have killed the woman.

Some think he went there, and they had a fierce quarrel, and that after he left she shot herself, setting fire to her clothing, which smoldered until 4 o'clock before the flames broke out.

An inquest will probably be held tomorrow evening, when possible new and sensational developments may be had.

It is now said, despite Jefferis' denial, that the signature to the marriage affidavit in San Francisco has been identified as his handwriting.

SACRAMENTO, January 5.—Among the papers in possession of the officers, it is stated today, are several letters from Engineer Jefferis to Miss E. O. Ayres, the telegraph operator murdered at Brighton, in which he addressed her affectionately as his wife.

Ex-Sheriff George McMullen, who was Miss Ayres' business confidant, says she frequently told him of Jefferis' brutality to her.

The Jefferis case came up in court today, but was continued until Saturday.

A switchman named O'Hern, alias Stivers, confessed today that he went to Brighton about two months ago with Yard Fireman Starkey to murder Miss Ayres, at Jefferis' investigation, but that they did not carry out their purpose.

A SMOOTH SCOUNDREL.

He Works Staid St. Louisans for a Goodly Sum.

ST. LOUIS, January 3.—By the arrest today of William Whalen in this city some 107 victims of one of the most stupendous mining frauds of recent years got hold of the author of their undoing. In 1889 Whalen, who was reputed to be owner of a mine called the St. Peter in Antelope district, came to this city and by the aid of a smooth tongue and apparently good references succeeded in placing among some 107 persons nearly 7500 shares of stock in lots ranging from 500 shares downward.

To keep no appearances Whalen paid out some $65 000 dividends on stock.

At length suspicion crept in and Whalen was arrested, but a compromise was reached and Whalen left town. The stock fell flat, and of a holding face value of $760,000 the stockholders had left only printed certificates.

A day or two ago Whalen returned to the city. He was immediately arrested and now the victims will have their inning. It is generally understood that Whalen netted something like $500,000 in the deal.

Dawes' Successor.

BOSTON, January 4.—Representatives of the legislature held a caucus today and decided upon Henry Cabot Lodge as the caucus nominee for United States Senator to succeed Senator Dawes.

ABIGAIL IS WARM.

Gladstone Arraigned for Mrs. Maybrick's Imprisonment.

BOSTON, January 5.—"In the name of God I arraign you, head of the British government, for the murder of Florence Elizabeth Maybrick, now dying in a convicts prison at Weekling."

So writes Miss Abigail Dodge, the authoress known to the literary world as Gail Hamilton, to the Right Hon. William E. Gladstone, prime minister of Great Britain.

Miss Dodge declares that there is no evidence of the imprisoned woman's guilt, and shames the great government for binding the feeble hands of a woman in a living tomb, and demanding more evidence of her innocence.

After reproaching the British Government, and the home office in particular, for its barbarous action, Miss Dodge declares they are guilty of deliberate murder.

In closing she says: "But if there be a God who makes and notes the ways of this world, who hears the voice of innocent blood crying unto him from the ground, it would better be the young wife and mother perishing in prison than the prime minister of a government which works her torture and her slaughter."

IN FOR A FIGHT.

Republican Senators Preparing to Defend the Party.

WASHINGTON, January 5.—The Republicans of the senate met in caucus this morning to consider order of business. Initial steps were taken toward beginning a bitter fight for control of the next senate. If there has been any belief that the Republicans intended permitting the organization of the next senate to go by default that belief has been shattered by the action taken today.

A committee consisting of Teller, Hook, Mitchell, Chandler, Higgins, all Republicans and members of the committees on privileges and elections, appointed to take special charge of the subject of organizing, and incidentally thereto the matter of the election of senators in the western states where the fight is now on; these senators, all astute politicians, will see nothing done to jeopardize the chances of Republicans and will prepare all cases so that in the event of contests, which are inevitable, the best possible front can be made.

The question of order of business is secondary to the more important matter of organization, and a committee to agree upon some working plan was appointed in the persons of Senators Sherman, Frye, Dolph, Cullom, Platt, Washburn and Quay. They will canvass the situation and report at another caucus to be held early next week.

While in a Delirium.

SAN FRANCISCO, January 3.—Antone Duarte, a Portuguese saloonkeeper on the San Leandro road, while suffering from delirium tremens arose this morning and went up stairs to where his barkeeper, Antone Dias and wife, were sleeping. Duarte called Dias to the door and shot him, the ball entering the shoulder and coming out at the back. Mrs. Dias arose screaming and Duarte shot her twice through the chest. The insane man then went down stairs and shot himself through the back of the head, dying instantly. Dias and wife are still living, though the woman will die, and there is but little chance for the recovery of her husband. Dias and wife came from Fresno a short time ago to keep house for Duarte, who was unmarried. There was no quarrel, the shooting being merely the result of indulging in liquor. It occurred at what is known as the Ashland corners.

Brown's Say.

NEW YORK, January 4.—An evening paper owned by State Senator Brown, who is regarded as one of the most independent men in the state legislature, and who is known to be a friend of Cleveland, says this evening: "The leaders of the Democratic party have resolved that their candidate for United States senator on Tuesday evening next shall have no opposition as a candidate for senator."

Illinoisans at Work.

SPRINGFIELD, January 4.—The Thirty-eighth general assembly of Illinois convened at noon. The general assembly is Democratic in both branches, with a Democratic executive at their backs. Caleb Johnson was chosen temporary speaker. Clayton E. Crafts, Democrat, was elected permanent speaker.

To Succeed Himself.

ST. PAUL, January 4.—The Republican joint caucus for the selection of senatorial candidates was held tonight with eight-five present, all of whom cast votes in favor of Senator C. K. Davis. As eight-five is a majority on joint ballot Senator Davis will succeed himself, even if the few Republican votes not in the caucus tonight be cast for some other candidate.

Populists Very Warm.

TOPEKA, January 4.—The supreme court this morning decided two of the four legislative contests argued yesterday, both against the Populists. If James Wilson, independent Republican, will act with them, the Republicans can organize the house even if one of the undecided cases goes against them.

Murphy and the Machine.

ALBANY, January 4.—Not a whimper is heard among members of the legislature about opposing the obvious purpose of the machine to oust Murphy into the United States senate. Whether the same statement can be truthfully made one week hence is a consideration which involves some doubt.

Deadlock in Nebraska.

LINCOLN, January 4.—The deadlock in the senate remains unbroken. Frank Wilson, Republican, was chosen temporary secretary. The house continued the work of organizing, the Independents taking all the offices except one.

Mary Withdraws.

TOPEKA, January 4.—Mrs. Mary E. Lease put an end to her candidacy to the United States senate in a letter to Chairman Broidenthal of the People's Party State Central committee. The letter contains her withdrawal.

Was Exonerated.

SAN FRANCISCO, January 3.—Miss King, the young woman who accidentally stabbed and killed Sidney McCoy while participating in private theatricals, was today exonerated by a coroner's jury.

New P. M.

WASHINGTON, January 4.—L. V. Manscawen of Visalia was confirmed as postmaster today.

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EVERY PAIR GUARANTEED.

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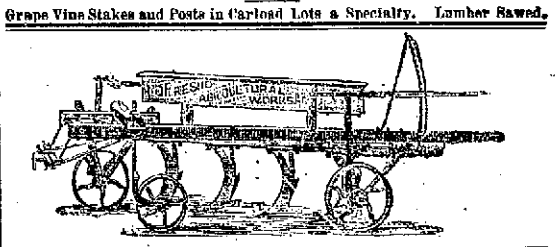

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Pattison Message.

HARRISBURG, Pa., January 3.—The biennial message of Governor Pattison was read in both branches of the legislature today. It refers to the suppression of the insurrection at Homestead, calls attention to the inequality of taxation as between real estate and personal property, renews the recommendation that a revenue law be framed by which the entire cost of the state government be paid by tax on corporations, and that collateral inheritance and other taxes be returned to the counties to relieve real estate therein, urges legislation against combines, especially the coal monopoly, free school books and renewed attention to quarantine. It cost the state $430,000 to put down the Homestead insurrection. The governor says the sheriff did not try to put it down, and the county ought to stand the cost.

A Flowery Future.

ST. LOUIS, January 5.—Henry Watterson of Kentucky, speaking today of the attitude of John G. Carlisle toward the Cleveland administration, said: "You can state as my belief that Mr. Carlisle will accept the proffered portfolio of the treasury. This will entail an actual sacrifice on the part of Carlisle, as the secretary expenses would be greater than his income. As senator he can supplement his salary by his law practice, as secretary he could not. If Mr. Carlisle administers the treasury as the country has reason to expect he will, no power on earth could keep him out of the presidency if he wants it," said Mr. Watterson.

A Motley Crew.

BOISE, Idaho, January 3.—The organization of the senate was completed today by the election of the nominees of the Democrat-Populist-Fusion caucus, A. F. Mayhew of Shoshone being elected president pro tem. The appointment of committees was also taken out of the hands of the Republican lieutenant governor. Story, Republican, introduced into the house a bill to repeal the Mormon test oath and substitute a provision of the constitution. The passage of this bill would admit all Mormons not actually practicing polygamy at the present time to the right of suffrage.

A motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill to the second reading failed by a vote of 13 to 22.

Another Case of Didn't Know.

ELGIN, Ill., January 5. — Mahlon Jones, a teacher in the high school at Hampshire, died today from a dagger wound inflicted by Rosa Schultz, a handsome young teacher in the same town. She was the heroine and he the villain in a drama presented by an amateur theatrical company, of which both were members, and in the excitement of a public presentation she plunged the dagger with which she was supposed to kill him, into his breast.

No Cholera.

LITTLE ROCK, January 4.—Dr. H. D. Gidding of the marine hospital, denied emphatically that he had ever said, as reported, that cholera had appeared in the penitentiary here. Examinations for bacteria are still going on.

Young Girls Kidnaped.

VIENNA, January 3.—Many parents have reported to the police during the last four days the loss of daughters from 8 to 12 years of age. It is feared that the children are the victims of a criminal conspiracy.

Who are Drs. Brown & Harris? Go and made their acquaintance. Call in socially or professionally they will be pleased to meet all honorable minded law abiding people who have not the swell head. 1745 Mariposa street is their number.

If you intend planting nursery stock this season it will pay you to examine the fine stock of Long Bros. & Co. J st.

Give teething babies and feverish children Steedman's Soothing Powder. Ask for Steedman's and beware of imitations.

A Strange Petition.

WASHINGTON, January 5.—Cockrell of Missouri presented a petition in the senate this morning outside the usual course of petitioning. Mrs. Ella Snow of Shell city, Mo., represents that her daughter, Lora Snow, aged 19 years, went to Richfield, Sevier county, Utah, and became a teacher in a Presbyterian mission school. She died October 14, 1889, under circumstances that cast a grave doubt as to the cause of her death. Mrs. Snow says she has been hampered and delayed in getting the facts relative to her death and in recovering the body. It was claimed that death was caused by typhoid fever, and before she could return to Missouri and secure evidence that typhoid fever was not contagious she says the body of her daughter reached such a condition that medical examination could not be made to determine the cause and manner of her death. Mrs. Snow says that this is not the only young woman teacher whose body has been disposed of in such a way as to leave suspicion of foul play. For this reason Mrs. Snow asks an investigation of the manner in which this mission is carried on, a request in which the citizens of Shell city join.

Cockrell Once More.

JEFFERSON CITY, January 5.—The Democratic joint caucus of the general assembly tonight nominated F. M. Cockrell for United States senator by acclamation, starting him on the fourth term. An effort to indorse Governor Francis for a cabinet position was defeated by the chairman adjourning for a caucus.

Two of the 400s.

SAN FRANCISCO, January 5.—Miss Delphine Delmas, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Delmas, and District Attorney W. S. Barnes, son of General and Mrs. W. H. H. Barnes, were married today.

Blaine Better.

WASHINGTON, January 5.—At 6 o'clock this evening Dr. Johnston said he found Mr. Blaine feeling very comfortable, so much so that he did not intend to make him a visit tonight.

Was a Success.

SAN FRANCISCO, January 5.—The official trial trip of the new coast defense vessel Monterey occurred in the bay of San Francisco today, and was entirely successful.

Hurt at a Fire.

CHICAGO, January 4.—A fire broke out this afternoon in the big eight-story printing house of Donahue & Henneberry. A natural gas pipe was broken and after a dozen firemen were in the basement an explosion followed, involving them in a sea of flame. The explosion was followed by explosions at brief intervals until the gas was shut off, and the fire extinguished. Through from the basement to the third story the building was badly scorched. Twelve or fifteen persons were injured, two probably fatally. Fire Chief D. J. Sweeney was among those hurt.

Garber to Preside.

SAN FRANCISCO, January 4.—The superior judges met today and elected Judge Garber to serve as presiding judge for the current year. The judges transacted no other business, as four of the judges have not yet received their commissions from the secretary of state. Those judges are Wallace, Troutt, Seawell and Dalzgerfield.

The promptness with which Ayer's Cherry Pectoral stops a hacking cough and induces refreshing sleep is something marvelous. It never fails to give instant relief, even in the worst cases of throat and lung trouble, and is the best remedy for whooping cough.

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A happy New Year to you, good people!

Solid resources are back of Fresno's growth.

Fresno is well lighted with electricity and gas.

Fresno has the finest opera house in Central California.

Disastrous storms and floods are unknown in Fresno county.

Every section of Fresno county has its churches and schools.

There are excellent prospects for both oil and natural gas in this county.

Fresno sent the first ripe oranges to the San Francisco market this season.

There is practically no winter here. Flowers are still blooming in the open air.

Fresno has one of the finest agricultural parks and race tracks on the Pacific coast.

The grape and the fig flourish here as they do in few other localities in the world.

There are no better public schools in the United States than those of Fresno county.

People can enjoy life in California because the climate does not make them miserable.

Your friends in the east will be interested in this number of The Republican. Send it to them.

This number of The Republican can be had at this office, ready for mailing, at 5 cents a copy.

There are splendid opportunities in Fresno for the establishment of a woolen mill and a paper mill.

Good land, with abundance of water and established markets, is as cheap in Fresno county as in any other locality on the Pacific coast.

Fresno county derives an income of over $3,000,000 from the wool industry. It is one of the leading counties in the state in the production of wool.

The lower foothill valleys of this county produce as fine oranges and lemons as the very best orange growing districts of Southern California.

Fresno does not depend upon ephemeral conditions for her prosperity. Every source of her business growth is permanent and capable of increasing a hundred fold.

Fresno wines are steadily growing in favor. The sweet wines of this county have an established reputation for excellence in the principal markets of this country.

Deposits of coal and gypsum are plentiful in this county. Fresno coal is now generally used throughout this valley, and the quality of the output is constantly improving.

Olive culture is yet in its infancy in Fresno county, but it promises to become an important feature of our horticultural industries. The olive tree flourishes here and bears heavily.

Four heavy crops of alfalfa hay from land which costs but $50 an acre with water for irrigation pays the biggest kind of interest on the investment. The growing of hay and raising of stock is second only to fruit growing in point of profit.

The Southern Pacific Railroad company realizes the importance of Fresno as the natural industrial and business center of the San Joaquin valley, and is making it the starting point for branches and feeders to tap rich outlying territory.

Farmers in Fresno county do not have to devote their summer's crop to feeding their stock through the winter as the farmers of the east do. Plenty of green feed covers the earth here during nearly all the winter season, and stock generally thrives without other feed than that furnished by bounteous nature.

Fresno has one transcontinental railroad; and three branch lines, with excellent prospects for the construction of another in the immediate future. The latter will give direct communication with the seaboard at the harbor of Monterey, shortening the present distance to a deep water shipping point one-half.

The mountain scenery of Fresno county is grand beyond description. Kings river canyon is unrivaled even by the world famed Yosemite. When the upper Sierras have been made more easily accessible by the constructoin of roads and trails, their deep, dark canyons, towering cliffs, rushing torrents and sky-piercing peaks will attract tourists from all parts of earth.

Fresno raisins have an established reputation in the markets of this country, and the demand this year for the best brands of clusters and layers is in excess of the supply. The following in regard to the product of a representative vineyard of this county from the New York Commercial Bulletin shows the high esteem in which Fresno raisins are held: "Forsyth's imperial cluster raisins, packed in fancy cartoons, are this season beating all former records for fancy California fruit. In texture, size and appearance the fruit comes very close to the Malaga raisins. The goods are packed six cartoons to the case."

There are large fields for industry in this county which are yet but sparsely occupied. Among these is poultry raising, butter making and the growing of small fruits and vegetables. A large part of all these articles of daily consumption are now shipped here from other localities and are sold at high prices. These profitable industries have been neglected, owing to the general disposition of the people to engage exclusively in such specialties as raisin or fruit growing, the production of grain or stock raising. There is nevertheless money to be made in them by industrious people.

Chicago, with the balance of Illinois, has already eight favorite sons in the field for positions in the new cabinet. That is, indeed, a great country for pork.

Twenty acres of Fresno's irrigated land will bring a far better return to owner than a quarter section of land in one of the most favored agricultural states of the northwest.

President-elect Cleveland is said to have announced his regret at not being able to accept the Examiner's invitation to visit this coast. If Grover knew what he had escaped, instead of feeling regretful, his eyes would fill with tears of joy.

If those crowned heads had any sense in them they would suggest to their owners to buy up all of the dynamite factories, organize a trust and put the price of that champion disintegrator at so high a figure that the anarchists could not buy any of it.

Some of the Indians in Oklahoma are engaging in the ghost dance and their squaws are starving. When starvation and the ghost dance get together among a lot of Indians it is time for our regular army to reach for its gun and get on a war footing as soon as possible.

Queen Victoria wrote a letter regretting that she is unable to contribute to the fund to buy a Christmas dinner for the destitute people of London. If the truth must be told, the royal purse has been greatly depressed by the horrid McKinley law.

Jerry Simpson and Mrs. Lease are legging it for the United States senate in Kansas. We are betting our mon on the lady. She may be hampered with stockings and things, but she will have less dead weight to carry in the way of immoderate mouth. Jerry is liable to step right into that mouth of his, and disappear from the public gaze.

The hosts of Stephen and Billie are now pointing reproachfully at the beautiful brass railroad collars which each of the eminent principals in the controversy is alleged to wear. This sort of argument is really unpleasant, and liable to result disastrously to both candidates. Better stick to the original controversy, gentlemen, as to which is preferred by Mr. Cleveland, whose slightest wish is the law of the party.

The New York World says there is an American end to the Panama scandal and that $2,000,000 were spent in bribing American legislators. This sum isn't very large, but, then, the World says that the men who got it didn't have to do very much for it. If those who benefited by this immense swindle were made to work out the sums they received in state's prison it would serve as a warning example to those who end their names and influence to any fraudulent scheme so long as they are well paid for it.

Dr. Geffcken, a German writer, deplores the overproduction of educated men. He states that the German universities turn out many men well equipped in learning, but ignorant of all practical affairs. Their condition he declares to be deplorable, and it is his opinion that they contribute not a little danger to social stability. In this country, fortunately, several safety valves are provided for our superfluous learned men. There is no need of their becoming socialists or anarchists, for they can make a better living by embracing the career of a hotel waiter or street-car driver.

The American girl who refuses to be presented to royalty has bobbed up again and patriotic editors throughout the country are gleefully howling the voices of them hoarse in appreciation of the maiden's "spunk." It doesn't seem to occur to these enthusiastic patriots that royalty does not employ agents to hunt up American girls for the purpose of having them presented to itself. In view of this, it would be interesting to know to whom the particular girl in question stated her refusal to be presented to royalty. As the offer of a presentation did not come from royalty itself it appears somewhat ludicrous to exult over a snub that could not have been given. What with dynamite plots, autograph hunters and American girls that refuse presentations royalty has a very hard row to hoe, indeed.

The inspection of intending immigrants by American consuls abroad would undoubtedly, if honestly and faithfully carried out, be most effective both in diminishing the tide of immigration and in preventing undesirable immigrants from seeking these shores, says the New York Press. It would not be too heavy a task to lay upon our consuls abroad, and assistance could be provided if necessary. What is wanted is not merely a passing review of the men and women and children who wish to emigrate, but a careful inquiry into antecedents and character in each case, sufficient to satisfy the consul that the intending immigrant is fitted for American residence and citizenship. An intelligent and energetic official could probably attend to all applicants with satisfactory results, so far as arriving at the truth is concerned. Having satisfied himself that the applicant is eligible, the consul should give a certificate to the immigrant, signed and sealed, and no immigrant should be permitted to land without exhibiting such a certificate. Upon the exhibition of the certificate the officials at the landing place should enter in the book in which the immigrant's name is recorded the name and location also of the consul whose certificate the immigrant exhibited. In this way it could be ascertained at any time thereafter who had recommended the immigrant, and the authorities at Washington would be enabled to affix the responsibility in every case. The exclusion of undesirable immigrants is a duty, while the exclusion of the desirable class would be a calamity. Experience has shown that the steamship companies cannot be trusted to make the proper discrimination, and the only safe and effective method is to make such discrimination through American officials, under the supervision and direction of the American government.

There is but little government land in this county open for entry which is suitable for agriculture, but there is much good land yet, somewhat distant from market, which can be bought at from $10 to $15 per acre. When water is brought to this land for irrigation it will on a basis of its productive capacity be worth from $75 to $150 per acre. The man who gets this land now has the foundation for a competency.

THE REPUBLICAN.

In reviewing the events and progress of the past year, The Republican refers with pardonable pride to its own record. We believe it is not too much to say that it has kept pace with the healthy progress of the county. It has largely increased its circulation in this city and adjacent territory, and is also sending a larger number of papers abroad than a year ago. Its patronage in all departments has had a most satisfactory growth.

The Republican has firmly maintained its position as a friend and advocate of the people as against assaults upon their interests by political and business combinations. To the best of its ability it has laid bare every form of fraud and intrigue which has had for its object the robbing of the public treasury or to extort from the people directly the fruits of their toil.

The Republican has kept itself absolutely free from alliances or entanglements with any class of corporate or political combinations which are antagonistic to the welfare of the people of this county, and to this fact it attributes largely the rapid increase of its circulation and growth of its influence.

One of the principal features of the past year from a newspaper stand-point is the political campaign from which we have so lately emerged, and which was in many respects a remarkable one. Few people realize the severity of the test to which the management of a live newspaper is put during such a campaign. It matters not how aggressive, outspoken, yet honest and conscientious a newspaper may be, it is denounced by its political opponents as a maligner and slanderer of good men and honest principles, and in nine cases out of ten is at the same time roundly abused by members of its own party for a lack of vigor in the prosecution of the campaign. To all these unpleasant criticisms the successful newspaper must maintain a sphynx-like indifference. It must know that the course which it has mapped out is the right one, and it must follow it unswervingly to the end, regardless of criticism and abuse. This is neither an easy nor a pleasant thing to do, but it is the policy which was followed by this paper in the late campaign, and the votes of the people do not show that either the causes which it advocated or the manner of its advocacy was wrong.

To the New Year The Republican looks forward with bright anticipation, serene in the confidence that it will continue to merit and receive the loyal confidence and support of the people of Fresno county, regardless of party or creed.

IRRIGATION.

Irrigation is to this county what the warm blood which pulses through his veins is to a healthy man. It is essential to a vital existence. Without irrigation this county would be practically a dead and dreary waste. The rich soil would remain, but, parched by the long and rainless summer, it would fail to yield to the husbandman the reward of his toil.

Fresno county has the most extensive systems of irrigation in California. They are among the greatest of the world. The length of their many canals and the vast territory to which they carry water, are set forth in another place in this paper. The advantages of irrigation are beginning to be known to the world at large. The products of the marvelous fertility which it creates are carrying with them to all the great centers of civilization the evidence of its inestimable value. To residents of this state it is no longer a factor of doubtful value. It is so much superior to dependence upon natural rainfall that comparison is scarcely possible.

In this county the cost of water is nominal, and the labor of applying it is slight after the land is properly prepared. In fact, little or no surface irrigation is necessary when the water level has once been brought within the distance from the surface at which it is now generally found throughout the irrigated districts of this county. The roots of trees, vines and plants penetrate to the moisture below, and thorough cultivation of the surface only is necessary to insure a luxuriant growth.

The failure of crops is unknown and practically impossible under irrigation. The damage from summer rains is also unknown in this climate. Here you plow and sow and the harvest is an absolute certainty. The crops vary, of course, as affected by other climatic conditions, but they never fail as they do in all countries where rainfall is depended upon. In no other place in the world are all the conditions of soil, climate, topography of the land and supply of water so perfectly adapted to irrigation as are those of Fresno county.

The ideal farm life is found in the colonies or small farming districts of this county. There is none of the loneliness and isolation which makes farm life in sparsely settled localities so objectionable to many people.—There are schools and churches in abundance, and the social priviliges of the small farmer are in no wise inferior to those of the dwellers in town.

The Weekly Republican is a large eight-page paper, replete in every number with the news of this county and valley, and information concerning the resources and advantages of this section. It will be sent to any address in the United States for $2.50 per year.

The raising of fine stock is coming to the front in this county as a leading industry. The mild climate throughout the year and the immense amount of feed that can be taken from an acre of ground, are advantages which every practical stock raiser can appreciate.

Land and city property have both reached their normal level in this county, and the opportunities for profitable investment were never better. Values are bound to increase with the growth and development of the country.

Fresno will be the Chicago of California. She is now the recognized business center of this great valley, the increasing wealth and industry of which will in a few years support a city of many times its present size.

The sweet wines of Fresno county are justly celebrated. The port, sherry and angelica made in this county cannot be excelled. The wine industry is an important factor in the county's wealth.

THE PRICE OF LAND.

Because Fresno is the most largely developed and most progressive section in the interior of California, the impression has gone abroad that land is held at high prices here—at prices, in fact, which place it beyond the reach of people of small means. This is a mistake. Considering the quality of the land, the cheapness of water, and the fact that markets are now established for all classes of products, land is now sold in this county at remarkably low prices.

At a time when the boom in Southern California reached its height there was a speculative flurry here, and land for a short time was held at rather high prices. Not much changed hands, however, and it quickly dropped back to figures based strictly on its productive capacity. Land, than which there is none better for the growth of raisins, fruit, alfalfa, or for general farming, with perpetual water right, and within a reasonable distance from this market, can be bought on very easy terms, at prices varying from $50 to $100 per acre, according to location and quality of soil.

An energetic and intelligent man with a small capital to start with, can with perfect safety buy twenty or forty acres of this land, and depend upon the products of the land and the fruits of his labor to make the final payments on the investment. Where, in California or in any other country, can a man secure a home for himself and family on better or easier terms?

The fact is that localities in which there is less development are using the argument of high prices against this county, when there is really nothing in it. Land in less favored sections is held at about the same figures which prevail here, and many of the difficulties and obstacles yet to be overcome in newer communities have here already been met and satisfactorily adjusted. No man with a capital of a few hundred dollars, and health and willingness to work, need hesitate for a moment in deciding to come to Fresno county to secure a home. If he desires to do a little pioneering, lands in the foothills and other portions of the county now somewhat isolated, can be had at prices ranging from $10 to $40 per acre.

Some of the county divisionists in Tulare county want a slice of Fresno included in the new county, for which they are clamoring. The Hanford Sentinel is not among this number. It says: One of the strongest arguments in favor of county division is that this county is now too large, and that by cutting off a chunk from the west side a county can be formed having the requisite population and valuation to establish it as a county of a class under the law which may be governed at the least expense. As this paper claimed at the start, the object of division is a cold-blooded business proposition to increase convenience and reduce expenses. If division will not accomplish that object then we do not want it. Now in extending the proposition so as to include all that part of Fresno county south of the fourth standard line, all the arguments in favor of division above alluded to are abandoned. The proposed addition from Fresno territory is greater in area than that proposed to be taken off of Tulare county, and much of it without irrigation is worthless. By taking that expanse or plain into a new county along with this western part of Tulare we have only left one big county to form another. If organized in this way such a county would fall into a different class and instead of paying about $15,000 per annum to county officials and having a compact and convenient county territory we would have a large county in a "thirty" class with an expense of about $26,000 per annum for officers, and a vastly increased mileage. In fact the change would not be a desirable one, from the standpoint of economy, over the present arrangement. It has been ascertained, also, that many of the leading citizens of Huron and adjacent country are opposed to coming into a new organization, and are outspoken in the matter.

The World-Herald, a Democratic paper of Omaha, imagines that it sees a grave danger to republican institutions in the proposed government guarantee of the Nicaragua canal. It quotes with high approval the declaration of that fluent talker, Representative Bryan of Nebraska, that he will spare no effort to defeat the measure with this object in view; and it closes its argument against the canal with the injunction, expressed in vigorous Western English, "Let the Nicaragua job alone." The Nicaragua job cannot be let alone. A waterway across the Central American isthmus is a necessity of the near future. The interests of commerce demand it. Our national security requires it. It would immensely increase the scope and value of our trade with Latin America. Every consideration of enlightened patriotism calls for the union of the two great oceans by a canal controlled by the United States. If America does not build the Nicaragua canal some other power will build it. In that case it would become, not a source of strength, but a source of danger to this country. With France or England intrenched on the isthmus, and with French or English ironclads riding at anchor at either end of the canal the Monroe doctrine would have vanished. Foreign control of an isthmian waterway would mean not only the strangling of our South American commerce and the surrender of our influence on the South American continent, but it would be an intolerable menace to the United States. It would compel us to spend hundreds of millions in increasing our navy, building extensive seacoast fortifications and keeping a powerful military force on foot. The building of the canal by American capital without a government guarantee would not give the nation any right to control it or any power to prevent its passing into the hands of Europeans. The practical seizure of the Panama railroad by the French government and the avowed intention of the officials who now hold it to discriminate against the interests of the United States are an instructive object lesson as to the probable fate of the Nicaragua canal if it should be built by private capital, free from all governmental control. The most eminent men in both the great parties have proclaimed their belief in the wisdom of a government guarantee of the canal bonds. The measure for this purpose now before congress is in no sense partisan. It has been framed in the highest and best interests of the nation.

In about sixty days that trust smasher will be turned loose.

One of the things we have to be thankful for is that the fact was established last year that Dr. Briggs is not a heritic.

Fresno's magnificently paved streets and excellent sewer system are the pride of every citizen. Sanitary conditions here are excellent.

The public business of this city is constructed on political instead of business lines. As a consequence it is rotten to the core. The trail of the Triangle is over it all.

Now that the war is over between "Our Steve" and Billie Foote, perhaps our Democratic contemporaries will find space to say something about the robber tariff. Maybe.

Those anxious gentlemen who hung up their stockings in the hope that Mr. Cleveland would do the Santa Claus act, were really expecting too much. Mr. Cleveland is not built properly for sliding down chimneys.

The California legislature is again in the clutches of the Sacramento boarding house keeper. Our legislature has the reputation of being something of a pirate itself, but it's not more than half a match for the hashery handits of the capital city.

They are going to have a "tournament of roses" down at Pasadena pretty soon, and a feature of the show will be several society ladies riding on both sides of their horses simultaneously. With such a program as that, roses and other accessories seem to be a clear waste of material. A circus don't need any floral decorations to draw a crowd.

The Imperial commission in Germany announces its discovery that wine—claret or hock—will kill the bactilli of cholera in a few minutes. Tea will kill them in an hour. Even those people who look not upon the wine when it is red will hardly deny that it would be a very cruel thing to prolong the death agony of the bactilli for an hour, when a gook article of claret will bring it to a quick and happy end.

The withdrawal of Billie Foote from the senatorial contest simplifies that interesting Democratic battle in a degree. If Jerry Lynch or some other Democrat from the northern part of the state does not develop an unexpected strength, it practically assures the election of Stephen M. White. With a bitter fight and a consequent deadlock between Foote and White the Populists, holding as they do the balance of power, might have been able to make terms with the Republicans and secure the election of an independent candidate, but with a practically open fight for White on the Democratic side it is more than likely that he will be able to wear out the opposition and secure the coveted prize. However, several days will elapse before balloting begins, and in the meantime there may be unexpected developments.

A British blue book just issued contains information as to wages in Ireland, which ought to be of considerable interest to Irish-Americans, as well as to Americans in general. The blue book in question deals more especially with the condition of agriculture. It informs the public that the wages paid the agricultural laborers in Ireland vary from 1s. and 6d.—that is from 36 cents to 60 cents a day—in summer, without lodging or board, to 24 cents in winter, also without lodging or board. It is almost needless to say that in winter the laborers suffer untold privations. It is worth while to recall the fact that Ireland owes the poverty of her agricultural classes chiefly to the British policy which destroyed the Irish manufacturing industries and compelled the people to resort almost wholly to the soil for support, just as Great Britain has endeavored, but so far in vain, to destroy the manufacturing industries of America in order that British manufacturers might flourish at the expense of the American wage earner.

THE NEW YEAR.

The Old Year's dead at last;
With smiles we grieve;
With laughter pealing fast
His grave we leave.

The New Year comes; we weep
For visions fair;
We close our eyes in sleep,
Loved ghosts are there.

O year of latest birth,
Be thou more kind,
More blessings shower on earth
Than lie behind.

Yet olden memories dear
Will bring again
Life's roses and the drear,
Sharp thorns of pain.

—John Paul Cosgrave.

FAREWELL TO THE OLD YEAR.

[Written for The Republican.]

Farewell, Old Year, farewell to you;
You've been for many a day
A friend most tried, a friend most true—
And as we bid you our adieu,
We give our heartfelt thanks to you,
And speed you on your way.

We've had full many a merry time
Since first we met, Old Year.
You've sung for us the Christmas rhyme,
And rung for us the Christmas chime;
And many a joy at Christmas time
You brought with hearty cheer.

You crowned the woodland banks with bloom
Of roses, red and sweet—
You gave the violets their perfume,
Ripened the cornfield's tasseled plume,
And filled the mill-wheel's running flume
To grind the golden wheat.

You brought the yellow daffodil
To bloom out in the spring;
Strewed cuckoo flowers on every hill,
And cat tails by the rippling rill—
And taught the lonely whip-poor-will
His yes, a song to sing.

You turned the ivy's green to red;
The maple trees to gold—
Purpled the clusters overhead,
And showers of ripened nuts you shed,
When fallen leaves lay thickly spread
Above the forest mold.

And if you gathered some fair flowers,
That blossomed in your way,
You bore them to a fairer clime,
Where neither cold, nor care nor time
Could blight them in their golden prime,
Or touch them with decay.

And ah! You brought, Old Year! Old Year!
One tiny baby flower,
To nestle on its mother's breast,
And close its blue eye into rest
When song birds seek their cradle nests
At twilight's shadowy hour.

And now, Old Year, farewell to you!
We grieve to lose you so,
You've been a friend both tried and true,
And as we bid you our adieu,
We give our heartfelt thanks to you,
And sigh that you must go.

—Jesse L. Edmundson.

A good many people labor under the impression that free trade and a tariff for revenue only are not synonymous, says the New York Press. This is a mistake. Free trade does not imply an absence of tariff duties. It means that no tariff shall be levied on foreign products coming in competition with domestic products. On foreign products not of this description it recognizes the right to impose duties as exigency may dictate. Such is the character of the free trade policy of Great Britain. Here is a report of the revenue derived from the free trade tariff of the United Kingdom for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1891:

Tea	$17,062,290
Coffee	909,515
Spirits	22,464,055
Wine	6,590,030
Tobacco	47,669,419
Dried fruits	1,618,695
Other articles	1,064,130
Total	$97,397,855

This is purely "a tariff for revenue only" and practically free trade as distinguished from protection. Not one domestic interest obtains an iota of advantage by means of this schedule. On the contrary, it imposes a positive tax upon every consumer of the foreign articles included in it. In the United States the breakfast table is at present free, while in Great Britain, where the distress of the working classes is steadily increasing, it is burdened with heavy exactions. This is the Democratic model of taxation. The Democratic party, however, contemplates several improvements. Sugar, which now forms part of the American free list, is to be taxed alike with tea and coffee. In addition we are promised an income tax to help cover the deficit which the Democratic party expects its "reform" measures will create. The American people are in a fair way to learn soon whether a revenue tariff is a tax or not, and the experiment will be one that will not in all probability be readily forgotten.

When Mr. Cleveland begins his second term he will find 24,000 more offices at his disposal than there were the other time, but still there won't be quite enough to go around—about one office for every ten candidates.

The Los Angeles Times says that "Fresno is using schoolmarms as a holiday decoration. Aren't they cute?" So perfectly cunning that some of our best young men are just as anxious as can be to monopolize them for the purpose of home decoration.

AMUSEMENTS.

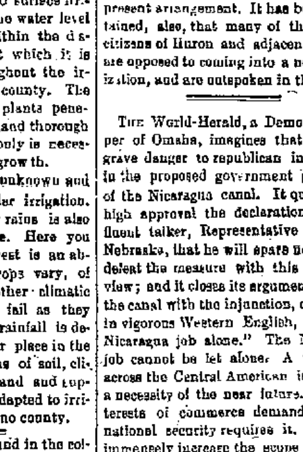
"The Old Homestead" and English Gaiety Girls.

Few plays come with a heartier recommendation than Denman Thompson's "Old Homestead," which will be presented at the Barton opera house next Saturday afternoon and evening, and of which so much has been written. The plot is a simple story of the present day and deals with one of the present types of country farm life in New England, into which is thrust a wedge of life in the city—a moving panorama of the the two—bringing back to all a memory of old home. The moral tone is perfect, the impression pure and wholesome, its success is its simplicity in dealing with a subject that comes home to everybody. Besides being a strongly written play it has a value in that it is a perfect reproduction of New England life, and people born and bred in that part of the country can be found in almost any city. The city life introduced shows many a character familiar on our streets. Perhaps the heartiest indorsement of the play comes from the clergy, many of whom have paid it the highest tribute possible, congratulating the author for its strong moral lessons.

Seats will be placed on sale tomorrow morning.

"Incog."

The cleverest light comedian on the American stage, Charles Dickson, supported by his own company of merry players, will appear at the Barton opera house on Monday, June 9th, presenting



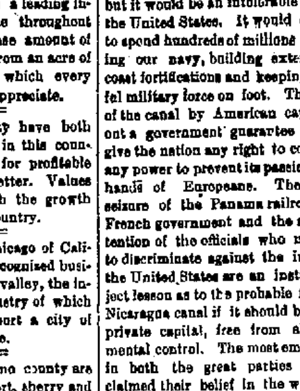
that funniest of comedy farces, Mrs. Pacheco's "Incog."

It will be remembered that this play appeared here early last season and met with instantaneous success.

This was, however, before it had been produced in any of the important cities. Since then "Incog" has been played from the Pacific to the Atlantic coasts and its records of 100 nights in New York, 50 in Philadelphia, 50 in Boston and 50 in Chicago is evidence almost sufficient of its merits. This is not all, for it is now closing a most triumphant second visit of two weeks in San Francisco, where the press and public are going into ecstacies over its many humorous situations and bright, witty dialogue.

"In my summer outings," said a woman recently, "I always gather a fresh supply of the simple herbs. One finds them in most rural districts—catnip, pennyroyal, peppermint, tansy and others. I provide small linen bags, each to hold a bunch of the herb."

A Black Sheep.



"And this is the founder of our house. He fought under William the Conqueror."

"I suppose you are very proud of him?"

"Well, hardly. You see he is the only one of our house since its foundation without ancestors."—Life.

GOLDEN ORANGES

At the Citrus Fair in Porterville.

A VERY MAGNIFICENT EXHIBIT

Fresno County Takes the First Premium for Mediterranean Sweets.

Porterville, December 30.—As Fresno county is beginning to be interested in citrus fruit growing, and as one of her most prominent citizens was an exhibitor at the first citrus fair held in Central California, doubtless many of your readers will be interested in reading a description of the oranges and lemons grown in this part of the San Joaquin valley. The writer has had an opportunity by traveling in counties where oranges and lemons are raised to observe and become familiar with their good qualities, and having been a dealer as well as an importer of these fruits, flatters himself his experience makes him a judge of the orange and the lemon in a commercial way.

There is not now raised in California nor in Florida or Louisiana, nor in the entire world any better oranges than are now being produced in the vicinity of Porterville. In one instance a special variety grown in Fresno county by Fulton G. Berry, excelled any of the same variety grown here. If you will read the premium list you will observe that it took first prize.

Language is inadequate to express the admiration that visitors showed at looking over the exhibit of this golden fruit, and it was as good as it looked. From Riverside, Redlands, Los Angeles and San Diego there were present practical orange growers, and Riverside had an exhibit, too, but the citizens of those places volunteered the statement that better oranges were grown in Central California than were generally grown in their locality.

Statements of this kind ought to be praise enough to satisfy the most exacting, but, when the lemon—that indispensable fruit—was brought to the visitors' notice there was astonishment indeed. There is no better lemon grown in this entire world—Sicily not even excepted. As for the larger part of Southern California, where they claim to grow lemons and ask a "tenderfoot" $1500 per acre for such lands, they aren't in it with Central California.

Knowing Fresno and Tulare counties as I do, I am sure there are several hundred acres situated in our foothills that can be bought for $50 to $100 per acre that are better adapted for growing this fruit than the same reputed kind of soil that is valued so highly in Southern California, that it precludes a poor man from engaging in this most profitable business there.

There are several of Fresno county's citizens here, among them I notice Mr. and Mrs. Fulton G. Berry.

This fair has been a decided success, in fact, "a grand one" and would it not be a good idea for Fresno City to hold the next one? This fair has convinced the self-satisfied orange and lemon grower of Southern California that we of Central California can furnish as good and generally much better citrus fruits than they can. Perhaps now there will be no more statements made by the press of San Diego, "that in order to raise citrus fruits in the San Joaquin valley, the trees had to be blanketed." I rather think our friends of the city of "lay-n-climate" are "not in it" when it comes to fine productions of oranges and lemons.

LIST OF PREMIUMS.

Class 1—Best exhibit of citrus fruits from any locality in Fresno, Kern and Tulare counties. First premium $25, second $10. W. J. Prettyman first premium; George Frost, Mary Hathaway, J. O. Morley, second premium.

Note.—The last three persons exhibited together from the same orchard, it having been subdivided lately.

Class 2—Best exhibit of Washington navel oranges by an individual. First premium $5, second $2. B. F. Chapman first premium, Shultz & Nelson second premium.

Especial favorable mention is made of Fulton G. Berry's exhibit of citrus fruits grown in Fresno county. George Frost first premium, C. J. Melor second premium.

Class 3—Best exhibit of budded oranges other than Washington navels by an individual. First premium $5, second $2. Mrs. Mary Hathaway first premium, W. J. Prettyman second premium.

Class 4—Best exhibit of seedling oranges by an individual. First premium $10, second $5. J. W. Curtie of Plano, first premium; H. Bayley of Porterville, second premium.

Class 5—Best specimen Washington navel oranges not less than one box by an individual. First premium $5, second $2. George Frost first premium, W. J. Prettyman second.

Class 6—Best display of Mediterranean sweets not less than one box by an individual. First premium $5, second $2. Fulton G. Berry first premium, W. J. Prettyman second.

Class 7—Best display of Saint Michaels not less than one box by an individual. First premium $5, second $2. Dr. B. F. Chapman first premium, W. J. Prettyman second.

Class 8—Best display of Jaffa oranges not less than one box by an individual. First premium $5, second $2. George Frost first premium. Note—Only one entry; but the quality is so fine it deserves the premium.

Class 9—Best variety of oranges not specified elsewhere in this list, not less than one box by an individual. Premium $5. First premium Ruby blood oranges grown by Mary Hathaway. Note—The display of Parson Brown oranges grown by Fulton G. Berry of Fresno and Tangerine oranges grown by George Frost of Porterville deserves especial mention on account of their excellent quality.

Class 10—Best variety of oranges not specified elsewhere in this list, not less than one plateful, by an individual, premium $2.50.

Dr. W. S. Richey, oranges, Magnum Bonum.

Class 11—For best display of Lisbon lemons by an individual, not less than one box, first premium $5, second $2.

Lemons, first premium, W. J. Prettyman, Porterville.

Class 12—For best display of Villa Franca lemons by an individual, not less than one box, first premium $5, second $2; no entry.

Class 13—For best display of lemons not specified in this list by an individual, not less than one box, premium $5.

Dr. B. F. Chapman, Porterville, premium.

Class 14—For best variety of lemons not mentioned in this list, by an individual, not less than one plateful, premium $2.50.

Best variety and quality of lemon, J. W. C. Pogue, Lime Kiln, Tulare county.

Note.—This lemon is the "Eureka" and it is as good as the best imported Sicily. No better lemon is produced in the world.

Class 15—Best display of lemons by an individual, not less than one plateful, premium $2.

No entry.

Special premium for best display of apples, George Dillon, Milo, Tulare county.

These apples were the finest illustration of this fruit that is grown in the United States, they were not only handsome but eatable.

The judges of the fruit were: J. H. Thomas, Visalia; Major C. J. Berry, Visalia; A. H. Ten Broeck, San Francisco; E. Newman, Porterville, and J. W. Davis, Tulare county.

Tomorrow the first central citrus fair of California ends, and those who are engaged in growing citrus fruits that failed to attend missed a sight that would have interested and pleased them more than they can realize. It is the intention of the committee of arrangements to send the entire exhibit to the state fair that opens in San Francisco on January 10th. The northern citrus belt cannot equal it, and I doubt if the southern can either.

Major C. J. Berry of Visalia delivered the opening address. The Major's remarks were very appropriate, and were enthusiastically received.

C. J. B.

Many Questions but for Mirrors.

It is doubtful whether men would gain as much time as women would by the loss of mirrors. Aside from the fact that they don't have the chance to spend so much time at their looking glasses as women do (if they did you may be sure they would), it is likely that a man would have to stand as a kind of substitute for the mirror in his wife's toilet. Most men, therefore, would be able to go down to the grave with the proud consciousness that they had answered the question, "Is my hat on straight?" 10,000,000 times in the course of a long and happy life instead of only 5,000,000 times, as they probably do now.—New York World.

A Rare Old Globe.

One of the most significant curios in New York is a copper globe in the Lenox library. It is only 4½ inches in diameter, but it is believed to be the earliest globe to lay down the new discoveries by Columbus. It dates back to the first decade of the Sixteenth century. The little it shows of this hemisphere is mostly wrong, and the few names would be recognized only by experts in matters geographical, but the globe is rightly esteemed one of the chief treasures of a rare collection.

COLLEGIANS BEATEN

By the High School Foot-ball Team.

THE LATTER GET A TOUCH DOWN

An Interesting Game Watched By Many Spectators—Some Good Plays.

Between 300 and 400 people witnessed the game of foot ball between the college students and the Fresno high school pupils at the corner of P and Mariposa streets yesterday afternoon. The following are the names of the players, and their positions and weights:

Fresno High School.		College Students.
Dana, 160	Center Rush	Donahoo, 165
Rutherford, 160	Right Guard	Church, 168
Mott, 155	Left Guard	Thomas, 155
Homan, 118	Right Tackle	Hutchinson, 145
Cardwell, 164	Left Tackle	Woldenberg, 145
Chance, 163	Right End	Scott, 150
Fischer, 150	Left End	Owens, 162
Freman, 104	Quarter Back	Warner, 157
Ferguson, 162	Right Half B'k	Bernhard, 153
Woldenberg, 140	Left Half B'k	Smith, 150
Blasingame, 163	Full Back	H. Cory, 160
Average Wgt, 153½		Average Wgt, 157

The game was called at 2:30 o'clock. Bernhard, captain of the college eleven, won the toss and took the ball. It was put in play, the collegians starting out with a turtle-back wedge, gaining ten yards. They then played a triple criss-cross and gained five more yards when the ball was lost on downs.

The high school boys got the ball, gaining seven yards. Blasingame dropped back for a kick and Cory caught the ball. He was neatly tackled by Homan, however, and from then on to the end of the first half the game was very evenly contested, neither side scoring.

The high school eleven lost a good player in Chance in the middle of the first half, he being somewhat severely injured in a rush. Dr. Healy, an old Princeton player, took his place and proved a valuable acquisition.

The second half opened with the ball in the hands of the High school eleven. They put the ball in play with a flying wedge, gaining ten yards. Three downs resulted in nothing being gained. Then plucky little Woldenberg made an exceedingly good run, being aided by good interference. He was finally neatly downed by Owens. The High school lads then lost the ball on downs.

On the next line-up the ball was passed to Smith of the collegians, who gained twenty-five yards by a remarkably clever run. He was downed by Ferguson and the next moment had about fifteen players sprawling over him. The collegians succeeded in getting the ball dangerously near the High school goal, but lost it on a fumble.

The ball was then carried by the High school boys very close to the collegians' goal by a succession of very neat runs. The ball was about ten yards from the college goal, and by bucking the center the high school boys carried it within one yard of the goal. The ball was passed back to Woldenberg, who succeeded in securing a touch-down through the fault of the spectators, who crowded in on the players, preventing the collegians from following Woldenberg.

The ball was brought in and Blasingame, captain of the high school eleven, tried to kick a goal from the twelve-yard line, but failed. There now remained but five minutes of the second half. The ball went back to the center in the hands of the college team, who tried a new trick, the Y. M. C. A snap, and gained ten yards. They played hard to get the ball to goal, but did not succeed. Time was then called, the high school boys winning by 4 to 0.

NOTES.

The spectators enjoyed the game very much.

The tackling on both sides was very sharp.

Warner played a good game at quarter back.

The interference of Joe Bernhard was a revelation.

The rush line of the college team was weak in places.

Captain Will Blasingame was a tower of strength to the high school team.

The running of Smith of the collegians could not have been improved upon.

Ferguson, the high school eleven's right half-back, played his usual strong game.

The interference of the High school boys was pretty fair and their passing good.

Roy Woldenberg, left half back for the high school boys, made several brilliant runs.

Scott's face looked like a butcher shop, and he distributed his gore impartially. He is a conscientious player.

Herman Hinds was referee, and Allen E. Snow umpire during the first half. They changed about for the second.

Pete Donahoo, though out of condition, succeeded in bothering the center rush of the High school team considerably, and when it came to bucking he was not lost.

Bert Warner made a pretty play when Cory punted. Freman fumbled the ball, Warner dropped on to it, and before half the players realized it, had gained twenty-five yards, when he was very heavily tackled by Chance.

FREE SILVER COINAGE

Mr. Bland Wants no Compromise

ON THE MOOTED QUESTION

And Will Fight for the Rights of the Silverites Till He Succeeds.

WASHINGTON, December 30.—"I want no compromise; I am for a free coinage of silver at the present ratio first, last and all the time," said Representative Bland, the veteran silver leader and chairman of the house committee on coinage, very emphatically when he delivered himself of these statements this morning, "I want no compromise at all, but if you could do no better I would accept the old act provided that a maximum amount of $4,000,000 per month be purchased by the mints. In that measure it was agreed because I believe that the p present law is the best legislation we have had in the interest of silver, and of course I do not want it to be repealed." He also said the free coinage bill stood a better chance for passing at this session than next, as then it would have to run up against an administration opposed to free silver.

A Modern Blue Beard.

SIDNEY, Ia., December 30.—A man named Mawhor, in jail here, charged with having in some mysterious manner caused the death of five women whom he married in different parts of the country, says his first wife died of consumption in California in 1865. He admitted that his four succeeding wives died suddenly. Word comes from Woodland, Cal., that an old neighbor of William Mawhor says that Mawhor came in the vicinity of Woodland sometime in the sixties with a brother. The brothers operated a large ranch. Suddenly the younger brother died and Mawhor took possession of the property. Mawhor's wife died very suddenly. Mawhor then married Mrs. Travis and left California for Iowa. The board of supervisors of Fremont county will authorize the coroner to exhume the body of the fourth Mrs. Mawhor buried near Riverton.

A Bloody Fight.

MCARTHUR, O., December 30.—Particulars have been received of a shocking affair at a country church in Gallia county. A revival was in progress. Clark Watkins caught his sister-in-law, Mrs. Peter Watkins, walking with a man with whom her name was unpleasantly connected, and attacked him with a knife. Both rushed into the church where a general fight stopped the services. When the riot ended it was found that Peter Watkins was dead, Harris, the woman's escort, fatally wounded, Clark Watkins beaten almost to death, James Grover's eye cut out and half a dozen others hurt. The church was almost completely wrecked.

Steaks May Drop.

SAN FRANCISCO, December 30.—The Morning Call states that there is prospect of a lively meat war in San Francisco as a result of the establishment of Philip D. Armour's big stock yards and slaughter house plant at Baden, South San Francisco. Slaughter house men who have controlled the San Francisco meat for so many years do not like the idea of competition, and are trying to make retail butchers boycott Armour's establishment. Armour's representative here, Thomas Newton, declares that if a boycott is attempted his company will open retail butcher shops all over the city and will sell meat at rates with which other butchers cannot hope to compete.

Hacked to Pieces.

GARDNERSVILLE, Ky., December 30.—John Barnes and his brother-in-law, James Kerr, went to the Ohio river Monday for supplies, and returned home Tuesday night very drunk. Nothing more was seen of them till last night, when a neighbor called and found Mrs. Barnes lying across the bed dead, with her head crushed, while Barnes and Kerr were lying in a corner, also dead and literally cut to pieces with knives which each still grasped in their hands. The surroundings showed a terrible struggle. It is thought Barnes struck his wife and that her brother took up the quarrel with the fatal results noted.

The Usual Result.

FLAGSTAFF, A. T., December 30.—A collision occurred three miles east of Ashfork, on the Atlantic & Pacific, between two freight trains at 6.30 this morning. The engineer of the west bound train, Thomas Dickinson, was killed and Engineer Brigglyn and the fireman of the east bound train and two brakemen were injured, but not seriously. The accident was caused by the operator at Ashfork giving the east bound train the wrong orders.

Nothing Accomplished at Brussels.

NEW YORK, December 30.—Senator Allison, Secretary Hale and Mr. Brown, representatives of the United States at the Brussels monetary conference, arrived on the steamer Lahn today. Speaking of the conference, Allison said little, if anything, was accomplished, and he did not care to say anything till he could sit down and think it over.

Was a Canard.

FLAGSTAFF, A. T., December 30.—The report of the battle in the San Juan placer fields over locations has not been confirmed here, and if any fight has occurred it is believed it was not in the gold fields below Bluff City, as the place is the nearest point to the fields, and the report of the trouble would probably come here first.

He Was Despondent.

SAN DIEGO, December 30.—News is received of the suicide of J. M. Bacon, a wealthy resident of Sioux City, Ia., at a sanitarium near here last night. Melancholia was the cause, and he had been there a week for dispondency. He got a pistol from a night watchman's satchel and blew out his brains. His son-in-law at Los Angeles has been telegraphed for.

Not to Blame.

BOSTON, December 30.—Burge makes a statement to the press today saying that he was not to blame for the breaking off of the match. He is ready to fight McAuliffe for $1000 and not fight any one else.

Louise Coming.

PARIS, December 30.—Eclair says: Louise Michel, the noted female anarchist, intends to go to Chicago to spread the anarchist propaganda.

A Sad Celebration.

SAN FRANCISCO, January 2.—A two-story building on Natoma street burned this morning, and Mrs. Johanna Hayes, the divorced wife of Policeman Monroe Hayes, was burned to death. The ground floor of the building was occupied by the stable of McKay & Leach, teamsters, while the rooms above were occupied by Mrs Murphy, with whom Mrs. Hayes had been celebrating New Years.

Prize for Trotters.

BOSTON, December 30.—David Blanchard has decided to give a $10,000 purse, open to all stallions of the 2.12 class, to be trotted for at Mystic park on September 15th next.

SMOOTH SWARTZ.

The Embezzler, Makes a Very Clever Sneak.

PORT ANGELES, December 30.—B. F. Swartz, who last week was convicted of embezzlement while acting as cashier of a Port Angeles bank, escaped from the county jail last night. He was sentenced to eighteen months in the penitentiary, but an appeal was taken to the supreme court. Pending the appeal it was decided to remove Swartz to the Port Townsend jail, and he was to have been taken there today.

Last night, while the jailer was putting wood into the stove Swartz stepped out of the front door, which was open.

The jailer discovered his absence in a short time, and informed the sheriff, who sent two deputies in search of him. They traced his footprints for several blocks, but finally lost them, and it is supposed he crossed to British Columbia or boarded a foreign bound vessel.

It was rumored that Swartz would soon make some startling disclosures, and it is believed that several parties here assisted him to escape. Swartz was employed in the treasury department at Washington for twenty-two years, and came of excellent family. He came to California several years ago, and traveled for a San Francisco house. About three years ago he married the daughter of a well-known California merchant.

PHELAN'S RICHES.

A Huge Sum Donated to Catholic Institutions.

SAN FRANCISCO, December 30.—The will of James D. Phelan was filed for probate today. No estimate of the estate's value is given with the document. The executors and executrices under the will are Mrs. Phelan the widow, Frank J. Sullivan and Alice Phelan Sullivan, the deceased's daughter. To his wife he bequeathed the residence on Seventeenth and Valencia, the summer residence in Santa Cruz and an annuity of $30,000. The Phelan block is left to his son, James D. The Central market on the southeast corner of Grant avenue and Sutter streets is left to his daughter Alice, wife of Frank J. Sullivan. Various pieces of real estate in the city are left to his daughter, Mary L. He leaves to his executor in trust the sum of $50,000 to be divided as follows: To the Sisters of Charity of Virginia City, $1000; Catholic Bishop of Sacramento, $2500; to St. Ignatius church, $5000; to Arch Bishop Riordan for the cathedral, $10,000; to the Presentation convent, $2500; to the South San Francisco orphan asylum, $2500; to the Sisters of the Holy Family, $2500; to the Sisters of Charity, corner of Gough and Geary streets, $1000; to the Youths Directory, $2000; to the Sisters of Mercy for the Old Lady's Home, $5000. The remainder of the estate is to be divided equally between his three children, James D., Mrs. Sullivan and Mary.

THE AYERS' MYSTERY.

No Doubt That the Lady Was Murdered.

SACRAMENTO, December 30.—Miss Ayers, the railroad station agent and telegraph operator at Brighton, whose burned and mutilated remains were found in the ruins of the depot at this place yesterday morning, was undoubtedly murdered. Officers have secured a strong clew, and are now scouring the country for the perpetrators of the crime.

Between 3 and 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon two men approached a Chinaman there, showing him a lady's gold watch and a lady's ring. They offered to sell them for $10. The Mongolian refused the offer.

The railroad company's night watchman heard of this, and he told Constable Barks, and the latter is making a search for the two men.

He discovered the remnants of a camp which two tramps had evidently left behind near Willow Springs, but got no further trace of the men. On the description of the watch being received it was identified by Conductor Myers, of the Placerville railroad, as Miss Ayers'.

A Peculiar Presbytery.

NEW YORK, December 30.—The presbytery voted on the six charges against Briggs today when they adjourned. The result was a great surprise, for on all the counts the vote was adverse to sustaining the charges. The accusation against Briggs were teaching that reason is a source of Divine authority, teaching that the church is a source of Divine authority, teaching that the Scriptures contained errors of history and last, teaching that Moses was not the author of Pentateuch, teaching that Isaiah did not write many chapters in the book bearing his name and teaching that sanctification is progressive after death. The case will be appealed to the general assembly.

Hanged by a Mob.

GREENEVILLE, Ala., December 30.—When citizens arose this morning they saw two bodies dangling from the court house steps. Last night the jailer was caught by a ruse by a mob of 100 armed masked men, who opened the cells of John Lippa and Charles Kelly, the alleged murderers of Tax Collector Armstrong of Butler county, and took them out and hanged them.

CARD PARTY.

A Pleasant Session at the Kinsley Residence.

A pleasant card party was given last night at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Kinsley on L street, near Court House park. Whist, progressive euchre and cribbage were the favorite games. At the close of the evening's entertainment a collation was partaken of.

Among those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Will Shaw, Mr. and Mrs. Luke, Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Stevens, Mr. and Mrs. Clark Stevens, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Shanklin, Mr. and Mrs. Levi McNie, Mrs. Louisa Stevens, Miss Vernie Kinsley and Messrs. H. P. Hedges, M. R. Madary and Frank Love.

Valuable Horse Stolen.

City Attorney Terry didn't make any calls yesterday, somebody having stolen his horse Sunday night. He had loaned his handsome black stallion, Bryant W., to Colonel Woodworth, who drove over to Malter's place Sunday evening. The horse and buggy were left under the shed securely tied while the Colonel paid Mr. Malter a little visit. About 9 o'clock Colonel Woodworth started to return home. He went to the shed and to his surprise found that the horse and buggy had been stolen. The animal is a very valuable one, his pedigree being of the best. He has a racing record of 1.15, 1.15½ and 1.15½, best three in five, three quarters of a mile. If the thief happens to be a good lover of horse-flesh, Mr. Terry may not see his horse again.

Forensic Society's Election.

The Forensic Literary and Debating society held an election of officers last night in Y.M.C.A. hall with the following result: President, E. A. Williams; vice president, Mel J. Duncan; secretary, B. G. Winters; treasurer, A. H. Sweeney; sergeant at arms, E. G. May.

V. W. Jacobs was proposed for membership, and J. L. Durette for charter membership.

The subject for debate for the next meeting will be, "Should capital punishment be abolished?" An essay on Ralph Waldo Emerson will be read and there will be other papers of interest.

Hugh S. Laird, who has been staying at the Barton residence over twelve months, left on the noon train yesterday for England via Panama and New York.

Foster's New Solution.

WASHINGTON, December 30.—In regard to the published story that Secretary Charles Foster of the treasury, when in New York recently submitted to some bankers a proposition to issue $50,000,000 or $100,000,000 bonds, but was halted by a telegraphic message from the President, it is authoritatively stated at the White House that the President was not informed of the intention of the secretary to visit New York, and has not communicated with him or heard from him in any way. He has not been unobservant of the financial situation, but does not think the treasurer will find it necessary to adopt any new policies.

After Big Stakes.

NEW YORK, December 30.—It transpires that Corbett's manager, Brady, and a representative of the Crescent City athletic club met on Broadway last night, and the southener inquired how large a purse Corbett would fight for. "For as much as he can get," replied Brady. "Well, the Coney Island athletic club has already offered $50,000, and I suppose if we want it we will have to go a few pegs higher. "Well, you might have to go a few pegs higher. Corbett wants a $75,000 purse." "Will you sign now?" asked the New Orleans matchmake. "No, sir, we will wait a while," said Brady as they parted.

A Kansas Money Scheme.

TOPEKA, December 30.—The Populists propose to inaugurate a new plan for making loans in this state. High rates of interest and brokers' charges cause many thousands of industrious men to lose their homes through the foreclosure of mortgages. The scheme is to create a state loan commission, through which all loans will be negotiated. The money would pass through the state treasury and payment be guaranteed either by the state or counties, thus doing away with brokers' charges and securing a low rate of interest. Governor Llewellyn, in his annual message will recommend the scheme.

Horticulturists Meet.

SAN FRANCISCO, December 30.—The State Horticultural society held its monthly session yesterday. A letter was read from C. M. Wells, World's Fair horticultural commissioner, and one from J. E. Cutler of Riverside, requesting the society to take action in regard to a scale for judging of citrus fruits at the World's fair, and also at the fair opening February 10th at Mechanics' pavilion. B. N. Rowley, E. W. Maslin and Fred C. Miles were appointed a committee to take the subject in charge with full power to act.

C. M. Wells was elected a member of the board. The directors reported that they had selected Fred C. Miles chairman of the board.

Florence Again Wins.

SAN FRANCISCO, December 30.—The supreme court today denied a rehearing of the Blythe case, which was taken upon appeal by the Williams heirs from Judge Coffey's decision. This virtually ends the celebrated case, and the millions of the late Thomas H. Blythe go to his daughter Florence, now Miss Hinckley. When the probate court awarded the estate to Florence it decided that the Williams heirs were the only other people besides Florence having any legal claim to kinship. The estate is now valued at about $4,000,000.

Needed Additions.

WASHINGTON, December 30.—About 1400 postoffices will be designated on January 2, 1893, as additional domestic money order affairs to begin business on receipt of blanks and books now in course of preparation, which will be furnished them before January 15th. California will have nine, Nevada six, Washington six.

THE WOOL INDUSTRY

FRESNO STILL ONE OF THE LEADING COUNTIES.

The Production in 1892—Large Shipments of Mutton Sheep Made.

There has been a decrease in the wool production of Fresno county during the past decade; the industry is, however, still a very important one, and the county occupies a good place among the wool producing counties of the state.

The spring and fall clips of 1892 were equal to those of the previous year in quality, and the quantity was about the same. The prices were somewhat lower than during 1891, ranging from 5 to 17 cents, or an average price 11 cents per pound.

It is estimated that the spring and fall clips during the past year amounted to 14,250 bales, or about 5,000,000 pounds. At an average price of 10 cents a pound, the value of the wool production of this county for 1892 is $500,000.

In connection with the wool industry it may be well to mention the sheep business. A large number of mutton sheep have been sent to the markets from this county in past years. The shipments have been somewhat smaller this year, but still important. Those who are in a position to know place the export during 1892 at about 50,000 head, valued at $125,000.

This important industry is seriously threatened by the proposition to add to the public domain an immense tract of land in the mountains of this county for the ostensible purpose of protecting the watersheds. In this tract are thousands of acres of pasture land, and depriving the sheep men of the benefit of this pasture will make it necessary for many of them to seek suitable range for their stock elsewhere. It is stated that the establishment of the contemplated reservation will reduce the income from the sheep and wool industry fully one-half, if indeed it does not altogether destroy it.

A government agent has spent several months in the valley gathering data concerning this matter, and it is stated that he will report in favor of the reservation. The sentiment among the sheepmen, lumbermen, and mountaineers is adverse to the project, and every effort will be made to have the special agents report rejected, or, at least, the territory it is proposed to include in the reservation reduced.

OUT OF SIGHT.

Prices Have Dropped That Far at the Poor Man's Friend.

It would not be accurate to describe the sale now going on at the Poor Man's Friend White Front Stores merely as a clearance sale. That term is used in connection with many sales where the reductions in prices are slight and where the effort is made merely for the purpose of closing out some shop worn or out of date goods. With the Poor Man's Friend sale the case is entirely different. Their entire stock is made up of new and seasonable goods of standard make and quality, and the reductions in prices are so great as to amount to a tremendous crash. No such values were ever before offered to the people anywhere in California, at a special sale, and it is not likely that such goods will ever again be offered at such prices.

Arrested for Insanity.

I. G. Henniger was arrested yesterday by Policeman Christensen on a charge of insanity. He will be examined by the doctors today. Some letters were found in his pocket addressed to John Sennenfelder, which is believed to be his real name.

IRRIGATION SYSTEMS

Fresno Plentifully Supplied With Them.

AN UNFAILING RESERVOIR

A Territory as Large as One of the Eastern States Successfully Watered.

Fresno county irrigating canals have enough water to supply all the needs of the country, and the supply never fails, it being derived from the melting snows of the Sierras which flow into the San Joaquin and the Kings river. With the private system of canals alone, leaving out the state district systems, the county can be irrigated for a distance of six or eight miles beyond McMullin, twenty-two miles west of Fresno.

The Enterprise canal is owned by the Fresno Canal and Irrigation company, which takes its water from the Kings river about a mile and a half above the Fresno Canal and Irrigation company's dam. It has a capacity sufficient to irrigate about 40,000 acres.

The Gould ditch of the Kings river and Centerville company takes water from the Kings river one mile below the gate of the Fresno Canal and Irrigation company. It has a capacity of about 200 feet per second.

The Fowler Switch canal takes water from the Kings river about a quarter of a mile below the gate of the Fresno Canal company. It has 600 feet capacity.

The Kingsburg & Centerville company take water from the Kings river below Fowler. It has a capacity of 500 feet.

The source of supply of the Emigrant Ditch company is the Cole slough, a branch of the Kings river, on the Laguna de Tache ranch. Its capacity is 150 feet.

The Liberty Ditch company takes out of the Laguna ranch, a short distance from the Emigrant ditch.

The source of the Crescent Canal company heads on the Laguna ranch.

The Madera Canal company takes water from the Fresno river and from the tributaries of the Merced.

Miller & Lux's canal on the West Side carries about 600 feet, covering all the country around Los Banos.

The proposed Sunset district will take 2500 feet of water at the Laguna de Tache. The proposed Huron district will obtain its water by impounding it.

A special peculiarity of much of the soil of this county is its natural adaptability to sub-irrigation. The underlying water, fifteen years ago, was 40 or 50 feet below the surface. Now, from the result of seepage, it can be reached at from 5 to 15 feet. This sub-irrigation is not stagnant water in the soil; it has its current underground no less than the flow of the ditches on the top, although of course not so rapid, and it thus increases each year, pressing out upon the plains and filling the depth of the soil far in advance of the irrigating canals. This valley has an almost uniform slope, from the foothills to its center, of from 5 to 6 inches to the 100 feet, forming a most perfect trend for waterways. It is this slope also that aids to press the sub-irrigation down into the center of the valley and its broad extent. This gentle, gradual slope answers also another important end. It might be feared that this gradual filling up of the soil from beneath would continually come so near the surface as to make the whole region a vast swamp, but this is prevented by the natural drainage which this slope secures. The waters of Kings river, brought upon these plains from the foothills of the Sierras, are in a large part in the form of sub-irrigation, pressing through many miles of underground flow, to reach again their old channel in the center of the valley.

IRRIGATION WORKS IN FRESNO COUNTY.

Name.	Miles.	Value.
Fresno Flume and Irrigation Co.	30	$ 30,000
Enterprise Canal and Irrigation Company	30	80,000
Emigrant Ditch Company	15	20,000
Fresno Canal and Irrigation Co.	200	1,250,000
California Pastoral and Irrigation Company	21	25,000
San Joaquin and Kings River Canal Company	30	40,000
Madera Flume and Trading Co.	52½	80,0.0
Totals	368½	$1,475,000

The Fresno Flume and Irrigation company derives its water from the head of the San Joaquin river. It has now under consideration the construction of a reservoir which will cover 1200 acres of land and have a storage capacity of 1,338,132,000 cubic feet. When this is completed it will put from 80,000 to 100,000 acres under water. Water rights sell at $10 per acre, with a yearly rental of $1 per acre. The work of construction on this reservoir was begun in July of the present year, under the superintendence of O. B. Shaver, and J. M. Graham engineer.

In addition to the 30 miles of canal owned by the Enterprise Canal and Irrigation company, it controls many miles of side ditches. Its source of supply is Kings River, from which it takes 109 cubic feet per second. The shares are owned by thirty stockholders. The Emigrant Ditch company is composed of twenty shareholders, and the water is divided among them according to the number of shares owned. The company claims a flow of 106 cubic feet per second. A flow of one cubic foot is considered sufficient for 160 acres of land. At this rate, therefore, this company has sufficient water to irrigate 31,360 acres.

The Fresno Canal and Irrigation company was incorporated February 16, 1871. It diverts from Kings river 1000 cubic feet of water per second, and covers 100,000 acres of land. This is supplied to the consumer at 62½ cents per acre per annum.

SAFE BURGLARS.

Their Outlay for Powder and Cigars Brought Them Nothing.

Burglars entered the packing house of the Griffin-Skelley company last Saturday night and bored several holes through the safe. Then they poured in a bagful of gunpowder, attached a fuse to it, set fire to the end of the fuse with a 25-cent cigar purchased with the proceeds of a former burglary, and retired behind some fruit boxes until the fuse and powder had done their work.

The explosion tore the safe door off its hinges and damaged the safe considerably. But there wasn't even a nickel in the safe, nor a scrap of paper of any value, the books of the firm having been previously removed to San Francisco.

The burglary was committed some time between 9 and 10 o'clock, and they must have been well informed as to the lay of the land, for the employe who sleeps in the building was up town at the time the burglars were operating on the safe.

Bucklen's Arnica Salve.

The best salve in the world for cuts, bruises, sores, ulcers, salt rheum, fever sores, tetter, chapped hands, chilblains, corns, and all skin eruptions, and positively cures piles, or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction, or money refunded. Price 25 cents per box. For sale by Webster Bro's, City Drug Store, corner K and Mariposa street, Fresno.

An Educational Machine.

The county board of education yesterday decided to introduce into the schools Miss Burt's progressive reading study, an apparatus designed to be used in the primary grades. A. J. Tiffany, ex-county school superintendent of Nevada county, explained the utility of the apparatus to the board.

SELMA.

History of a Thriving City.

ONCE A LARGE WHEAT FIELD

Remarkable Growth of Our Sister Town—Good Chances for Investment in Fertile Lands.

This flourishing little city is located in the southern part of the county about fifteen miles from Fresno, on the main line of the Southern Pacific railroad.

The origin of the town was the result of a soldier's warrant location in 1878, when J. E. Whitson, the father of the town, pre-empted 160 acres of a sandy desert—as the present townsite appeared at that time. The original town plat was surveyed in 1880, when the railroad company built a small switch to accommodate the farmers in that sparsely settled community.

Possessing all the natural essential conditions that pushed Fresno to the front, Selma was destined to assume a position of importance in the county. The only essential lacking to its development was water for irrigation purposes. Private capital become interested in this question and a few years later a system of canals was established, and in a few years the barren plains were transformed into a veritable garden, the summer sun rising on green alfalfa fields, vineyards and orchards. The town grew as if by magic, until today there are many blocks of substantial business buildings. There are several well appointed merchandise stores, besides several clothing stores, boot and shoe stores, drug stores, a bank, two large, well stocked lumber yards, one planing mill, a large raisin packing house, blacksmith shops, several fine hotels and half a dozen livery stables. There are several imposing brick structures, among which is the Masonic temple block, which is one of the handsomest buildings in the county outside of Fresno.

The Masons, Odd Fellows, Knights of Pythias, Ancient Order of United Workmen, Women's Christian Temperance Union and Good Templars, all have large and growing memberships in Selma. There are no less than ten organized Christian churches, employing seven regular ministers of the Gospel.

There are about 500 pupils in the Selma public schools. The teachers rank in efficiency with any in the state and the character of the schools is the best.

There is a daily paper published in Selma. It is called the Selma Irrigator and its columns are filled with interesting news.

Selma's environments are such that the country is capable of the grandest possibilities if the people manifest the right public spirit.

Large vineyards and orchards are to be found adjacent to the town which offer employment to a large number of people yearly. There is plenty of good land, suitable for vineyards and orchards, which may be had near this flourishing city at reasonable prices. The eastern man who is looking for a place to settle can find here just the spot on which to make an ideal home.

The peach, prune, fig, olive, grape and orange grow well here, and from the reasonable price of irrigated land this is one of the best places to invest in a home that can be found anywhere.

Selma's growth has been steady, and gives promise of growing still larger in the near future.

FRESNO WINES.

AN AVERAGE OUTPUT DURING 1892.

Excellence of This County's Sweet Wines—A Very Important Industry.

The wine crop of 1892 in Fresno county was as good as that of the year before, if not better, and the quantity was about the same. There has been a steady improvement in our wines until now Fresno county can invite comparison in this regard with any other in this state.

Of course, in making this challenge the sweet wines of Fresno are referred to. While a fair article of dry wines is manufactured in this county, it is a producer of sweet wines that Fresno has made its reputation. This is eminently a sweet wine locality and the grapes used for that purpose reach perfection here, the conditions, both as regards climate and soil, being all that they should be.

No better angelica, port and sherry than are produced in Fresno county can be found in California, and our muscat and tokay are also of first-class quality. The wine makers of this county are giving particular attention to sweet wines and doing their utmost to improve them.

The wine production of Fresno county for 1892 was between 750,000 and 800,000 gallons, valued at about $275,000. There has also been made considerable brandy, about 125,000 gallons, it is estimated. Most of this is muscat brandy, valued at $60,000. The market has been very fair the past year, and there seems to be an upward tendency.

On the whole, reports show the wine output to be somewhat less than last year. The chief cause of this is that many of the growers made very heavy shipments of dried black grapes to the eastern markets, grapes which would otherwise have been converted into wine. The bulk of the wine product of this county is sold after it has cleared, but all makers retain a considerable portion of each vintage for aging.

Sure Cure for Piles.

Itching piles are known by moisture like perspiration, causing intense itching when warm. This form as well as blind, bleeding or protruding, yield at once to Dr. Bosanko's Pile Remedy, which acts directly on parts effected, absorbs tumors, allays itching and effects a permanent cure. 50 cents. Druggists or mail. Circulars free. Dr. Bosanko, Philadelphia, Pa. Sold by Smith Bros., druggists.

Liver Complaint--Biliousness.

The chief symptons of this disease are depression of spirits, foul coated tongue, bad tasting mouth, disagreeable breath, dry skin with blotches and eruptions, sallow complexion and yellow eyes, tired aching shoulders, dull pain in right side, faintness, dizziness and irregular bowels. This complaint in all of it forms can be readily cured by taking Dr. Gunn's Improved Liver Pills as directed, and a lingering spell of sickness will often be warded off by their use. Sold at 25 cents a box by Smith Bros., Druggists.

Undisputed Authority.

The United States Dispensatory says: That "Onions are a stimulent, diuretic and expectorant; they increase the appetite and promote digestion." The juice made into syrup as in Dr. Gunn's Onion Syrup, has a specific action on the throat, lungs and air passages, it not only cures coughs, colds, croup and consumption, but its stimulating effect, strengthens and builds up the system afterward. As a tonic and restorative it has no equal. We solicit a trial in the most chronic and stubborn cases. Price 50 cents. Sold by Smith Bros., Druggists.

FROM SACRAMENTO.

The Senatorial Fight Beginning to Boil.

FRESNO MUSCATS IN DEMAND

Distillers in Merced and Stockton Pay Freight and Make Money On Them.

Special Correspondence of The Republican.

SACRAMENTO, December 31.—En route from the raisin center to the capital city I stopped over at Minturn to see the plant which has been consuming some 4000 tons of Fresno's second crop Muscats, converting them into wine and brandy. It is a big concern, and Thomas R. Minturn, the manager and part owner, is a business man.

It would do some of the croakers of Fresno good to hear him talk of the future of the Muscat. Although he has bought thousands of tons of Muscats this year at $8 per ton, payable practically at the option of the purchaser, he does not believe in over production. He says that there is practically no limit to the amount of clean, well-cured first-crop raisins in sacks that can be sold in the United States at from 6 to 8 cents per pound. He claims that all the troubles in the raisin business arise from dirty, sandy second-crop raisins, from defective distribution, and from shortsighted and dishonest packers and brokers. These are evils which can easily be remedied, and will be, and then the Fresno raisin will take its place as the cheapest and best sweet for old and young, rich and poor. Mr. Minturn says that Fresno is the raisin center, because nature has made it so; by natural laws, and not by the accident of man's endeavors. Every twenty miles that you travel from Fresno, north or south, the conditions change, and never for the better. The difference in distance between the 600 acres of vines at Minturn and the vineyards of Fresno is not more than fifty miles, and yet there is no comparison between the raisin making possibilities of the two places.

From Minturn I went to Stockton and inspected the winery of George West & Son, who have also been profiting largely from the "over-production" of muscats in Fresno. It costs them about $2 a ton to get their grapes from Fresno by rail, and they tell me the loss is nearly 10 per cent by leakage, so there is the proposition for Fresno capital to figure on. The mere saving of this $3 a ton would seem to mean a pretty good margin for profit for a big winery and distillery at home.

Going from Minturn to Sacramento I was forcibly reminded of Mr. Minturn's claim that the climate changed every twenty miles from Fresno. When I left Fresno there were no particular indications of rain except the moist ground. The plows and seeders were at work, and all the avocations of the farmers being pursued dryshod and pleasantly. As I came north the plowing ceased, the fields became covered with standing water, and finally the tops of fences began to disappear in low places beneath the flood.

Here at Sacramento are all the evidences of fluvial disaster. The newspapers try to make light of it, but never has the river been so high or the destruction of property so great, and the question of what to do in the future for safety is becoming a very serious one. Two years ago when I was here the river rose to twenty-four feet on the gauge, and it was the highest water known. Within a few days it has been six feet higher, and what that portends in an inundation may well be left to the imagination.

The bed of the Sacramento has been filling with sand and debris for years, and the time has come when a remedy must be provided or an exodus inaugurated.

I want to say a word about the Slough City en passant. Stockton has improved greatly during the past two years. The electric railway is in successful operation, firm business blocks and residences are springing up on every hand, and altogether the evidences of growth and prosperity are unmistakable. But oh! the mud! No citizen of Fresno could ever be contented to live there in winter time.

Sacramento just began to awaken politically last night. The trains brought in a few politicians and the Golden Eagle began to lose the deserted and desolate appearance it takes on during the legislative recesses. Stephen M. White cast the senatorial toga into the arena about midnight, and seems as cheerful and hopeful of success as though there were no dark horses prancing around impatient to be saddled with the great responsibility.

C. O. Zeigenfuss has been here a couple of days, taking a good rest and girding himself to do yeoman service for De Young. It is the tip that De Young expects nothing this session but a complimentary vote, but this pleasantry is easily discounted by those conversant with the practical character of the Chronicle aspirant. De Young is a good politician, and there is no better evidence of it than his choosing Zeig as his avant courier. What Zeig can't do for a friend or employer is too laborious an undertaking for anybody else to tackle.

Somebody insinuated something which might be construed as derogatory to the character of De Young in a crowd last night, and the way Zeig done him up and illumined the virtues of his ambitious portege was amusing and instructive to behold.

Political prophecies are plenty, but premature until the actors appear on the stage. Some think White will have a walkover, others conceive it possible that even Jerry Lynch may become a necessary compromise.

In reality it all depends on the Populists. They hold the key to the situation, and whichever way they turn it will unlock the deadlock. I will try and give you some of the pointers as they develop.

JOHN BROWN.

WANTED FOR FORGERY.

H. A. Topham to be Brought to This City.

Constable Matheson received a dispatch yesterday from the Chief of Police of San Jose, announcing that he had arrested H. A. Topham, who is wanted in this city for forgery.

Topham roomed at the Hughes hotel about a week ago, and induced the clerk to cash a forged check for $25. He also passed a similar check on John Drager, a saloon keeper.

Constable Matheson left for San Jose this morning to bring the prisoner here.

Mrs. Margaret McDonough, of Louisville, Ky., has purchased the handsome Burdick residence, in Altamont addition, together with the elegant furnishings and stable paraphernalia. Mrs. McDonough returns to her Kentucky home tomorrow for the purpose of disposing of some property, when she will return to Fresno to reside.

The district attorney has filed an information against S. Lovero, charged with obstructing an officer in the discharge of his duty. Lovero is the officious Tularean who removed the body of a suicide from this county before Coroner Brown could hold an inquest on it. The inquest was wrongly held by the Tulare coroner.

E. O. Curtis of Visalia is in the city on business.

BOSQUI DISCHARGED.

He Was Not Guilty of Contempt of Court.

The case of W. A. Bosqui, who was cited to appear before Judge Holmes to answer why he should not be punished for contempt of court in refusing to obey a writ of habeas corpus, was heard in department two of the superior court yesterday. Austin & Drew appeared for Bosqui and Reel Terry and W. D. Grady prosecuted.

It will be remembered that Bosqui recently accompanied a Chinese girl named Chin Fong from Los Angeles to San Francisco. She was bound for the Chinese mission in the latter city and an agent from the mission was one of the party. Some Chinamen in this city wished to prevent her being taken there and got out a writ of habeas corpus. When the train having the party on board arrived in Fresno, Bosqui was served with the writ, but refused to obey it. Hence he was cited to appear for contempt.

Only two witnesses were examined, Deputy Sheriff McCardle, who served the writ, and the defendant. McCardle testified to serving the writ. The paper was introduced in evidence. Bosqui then went on the stand. He identified the document in question and stated he refused to obey the writ because there was no seal on it and there was consequently nothing to show that it was genuine or of any value. In short, it was shown that instead of serving the writ itself, the officer served a copy.

Bosqui also stated that even had there been any service he could not have produced the Chinese girl as she was not in his custody and he had no control over her. He merely accompanied her as a protector. The court purged Bosqui of contempt.

WITH THE COLONEL.

The Old Year Died Happy at the Barton Vineyard.

Colonel A. Trevelyan entertained a few friends to welcome in the New Year. Among those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Hodgkin, of San Ricardo vineyard, Justice and Mrs. Crichton, Mrs. and Miss Stevens, W. Malter, J. Leburn, Mr. and Mrs. Severidge.

Fun, jokes and songs kept the party in right glorious humor till supper, when hospitality was dispensed in the old English style.

About midnight songs of all nations were hilariously sung. Everybody seemed bent on making everything successful, and it was very early in the morning ere the guests departed.

A. ANDERSON'S BIRTHDAY.

A Pleasant Celebration of It Last Sunday.

A delightful birthday party was held at the residence of A. Anderson in Kroger addition last Sunday in honor of his birthday. A fine dinner was given and those present wished that Mr. Anderson had a birthday each week. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Dix, Mr. and Mrs. Nelson, Mr. and Mrs. G. O. Newman, Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Holmes, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Anton, Misses J. Newman, W. Edenan, Augusta Anderson, Viola Dix, Hazel Holmes, Gracie and Sadie Hunsaker, Agnes Anton; Messrs. Harold and Bernhart Newman, Willie and Carl Holmes, Lambert Nelson, Guy Dunham and John Anton.

His Heart Burst.

NEW YORK, December 30.—Adrian Fairchild, for forty years a diver in the employ of the city, was at work in the bed of North river, running a charge of dynamite in the rock, when the charge exploded, killing him. There were no marks on the body, but examination showed that his heart had burst.

A GREAT ENTERPRISE

WORK OF THE FRESNO FLUME AND IRRIGATION CO.

Now Engaged in Preparing to Flume Lumber Into This City.

In writing up the enterprises and industries that have made Fresno county the best in the state, the narrative would be incomplete were not the Fresno Flume and Irrigation company mentioned. The company is composed of the following well known men: F. Bullard, president; J. M. Heiskell, vice president; O. B. Shaver, superintendent; E. J. Bullard, secretary. The other stockholders are: Swift Bros., R. B. Butler, Musick Bros. and R. B. Johnson.

The company owns 9000 acres of fertile land in the mountains northeast of this city. The land is heavily covered with virgin timber, which it will take years to cut. There have been four mills cutting during the past summer. Musick Bros. will cut 1,200,000 feet, Bennett 1,000,000 feet, Davis 2,000,000 feet, Cummings 1,200,000 feet.

The company intends to put in a mill early this spring, the cutting capacity of which will be 40,000 feet a day. There are now on hand 2,500,000 feet of lumber.

A few years ago a concrete dam was built over 200 feet long and 37 feet high. This makes a reservoir covering over 800 acres. There is a natural reservoir site of 1200 acres. The timber will be cut off soon and the dam raised to 75 feet in height, which will give an unlimited supply of water.

The water is now used to serve a double purpose, viz: for fluming lumber and irrigating. A V flume has been built twelve and one-half miles and will be extended next fall to this city.

A dam has just been completed on Dry creek, near Academy, and the water will be turned into a canal. By this means from 50,000 to 80,000 acres of rich land will be brought under irrigation, which cannot be watered by any other system of irrigation. Most of this land is fine orange land and when water is brought on to it a fine section of orange country will be made available.

It is expected that the flume and irrigation system will be completed by the fall of this year.

The dam on Dry creek, which has just been finished, will afford one of the finest water powers within twenty-five miles of Fresno that can be had anywhere. This will be invaluable and will no doubt be utilized in many ways, especially in furnishing power for flour mills, etc.

The completion of the canal and flume will give a new impetus to the city and this section of the county. The large area of land which will be brought under cultivation and the mills which will be established will bring thousands of people here who will add to the population and increase business.

The managers of the Fresno Flume and Irrigation company will push the work to completion as soon as possible and are confident that it will be done before this year is over.

Fresno's former growth will seem insignificant when compared to the strides she will make when this enterprise comes into full operation.

The office of the company is in the Fresno National bank building, where any information in regard to the company will be furnished on application.

Fresno Gets a Premium.

Fulton G. Berry was awarded the first premium at the Porterville citrus fair yesterday for the best Mediterranean sweets. Mr. Berry was the only orange grower in this county who sent a display to the fair. The fruit was grown on his grove near Centerville.

THE THIRTIETH SESSION

Of the California Law Makers

CALLED AT NOON YESTERDAY

Failure to Organize Delays the Selection of a United States Senator.

SACRAMENTO, January 3.—Early at noon the two houses of the legislature convened for the thirtieth session.

In the Assembly H. A. Mason, chief clerk in the twenty-ninth session, called the assembly to order.

P. R. Adams, assemblyman-elect from Santa Cruz, formerly the clergyman, made a prayer. The members then took the oath of office and their seats.

On motion of Shanahan, according to the list made up by the Secretary of State, Chief Clerk Mason made the usual temporary appointments and the rules of the last Democratic assembly were adopted.

The temporary assembly then adjourned till 11 a.m. tomorrow.

Lieutenant Governor Reddick called the senate to order and Secretary Brabon called the roll of holdovers.

The newly elected members were at once sworn in and the senate adjourned till 11 a.m. tomorrow.

Immediately on adjournment the Republican senators met in caucus.

As neither house was organized today the election of senator cannot take place till Tuesday, January 17th as the law requires the election of United States senators to take place on the second Tuesday after the first Monday after organization.

A caucus of Democratic assemblyman was held tonight.

Foote Withdraws.

SACRAMENTO, January 2.—The withdrawal of W. W. Foote from the contest virtually leaves a clear field to White so far as Democratic candidates are concerned, for those Democrats who have senatorial aspirations based them upon a possible deadlock between these two gentlemen and the resultant necessity of taking up some other person. Foote's friends will, it is said, throw their strength to White, in return for which the latter's supporters will back Foote to succeed Senator Stanford when the latter's term expires, should the state remain Democratic.

The strengthening of White's forces does not materially change the aspect of affairs as regards the different political parties. The Populists still affect to have hopes of drawing Republicans to their banner, but they are alone in this view.

The Democrats do not fear but that some of the Populists of Democratic antecedents will return to their early creed after giving a complimentary ballot to one of their present faith. It is certain that no other legislation but the choice of a senator will be transacted until that question is settled.

A Suicide Theory.

SACRAMENTO, January 2.—It has been developed today that Miss Ayers, who was burned with the station house at Brighton, was married last July to an engineer named Jeffreys, of Oakland. Jeffreys is a married man, and has two children, and it is claimed that Miss Ayers knew it. As a chamber of her revolver was empty the suicide theory is advanced.

BUY BANDITS.

TWO ORPHANS FROM REEDLEY ON THE ROAD.

They Robbed a Chinese Vegetable Peddler of Twenty-one Dollars.

Hopkins Parker and Jeb Parker, orphans from Reedley, aged 16 and 15 years, started out on the highway the other day fired with the ambition to emulate Evans and Sontag.

As they had not funds sufficient to buy dynamite they were obliged to forego the glory of robbing an express car, and there being no stages loaded with bullion and timid passengers traveling in their neighborhood, they made their initial step in crime in the direction of highway robbery.

The boys borrowed a rifle and tramped to an unfrequented part of the road. They had not waited very long before they saw a Chinese vegetable peddler approaching them in his wagon. When he arrived abreast of the highwaymen one of them caught the ten dollar horse by the bridle while the other, presenting the muzzle of his rifle at the head of the Chinaman, shouted:

"Halt you Chiney ——! Tro w up yer hands and gimme yer stuff!"

"Wha' foah? Wassa malla you?" demanded the terrified Mongolian.

"Shet up yer rice trap or I'll bore a tunnel troo yer," thundered the highwayman."

They compelled the Chinaman to get off the wagon and hold his hands above his head while they searched his pockets. They found $21, which they appropriated and allowed the plundered victim to go his way rending the air with oaths and lamentations in the expressive language of Cathay.

The boys had disguised themselves by turning their coats and pantaloons inside out and by blackening their faces.

The robbers were found a day or two ago at J. C. Ward's ranch by Constables Stoll and Douglass of Reedley. They were identified by the Chinaman, who swore to a complaint charging them with robbery.

PERSONAL.

W. B. Depew of Sanger spent yesterday in this city.

Mr. and Mrs. Hartsough are down from Toll House.

Mr. and Mrs. Hodson have returned from San Francisco.

H. A. Pratt, the Fowler merchant, was in Fresno yesterday.

Mrs. George L. Hoxie is visiting relatives near Porterville.

C. B. Pressley, the Sanger banker, spent New Year's day in Fresno.

Sigmund Danielewitz of San Francisco is visiting this city on business.

J. H. Styles and Miss A. Ham of Lemoore were visiting in Fresno yesterday.

Charles D. Harris of Saulte Ste. Marie, Mich., is spending a few days in Fresno.

Cyrus P. Markle of Pittsburg, Pa., is making a brief sojourn in the raisin center.

Mrs. Theodore Reitz is spending a brief season with her parents in Colusa county.

John M. McClure left yesterday on the noon train for Sacramento, where he will sojourn during the session of the legislature.

Henry Doblin, business manager of George W. Lederer's "Incog" company, is in the city arranging for the appearance of that attraction here.

Thomas P. Ryan and wife left last Saturday night for a trip through the southern of the state. Judge Ryan is the attorney for the Fresno flour mills.

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TRAINS LEAVE FRESNO DAILY.

12.25 a.m.—Los Angeles Express—For Santa Barbara, Los Angeles, San Bernardino and Riverside.
5.10 a.m.—Fresno Local—For Merced, San Francisco and way points.
8.30 a.m.—Express—For Collis, Mendota, Newman, San Francisco, Sacramento and North.
9.00 a.m.—Mixed Train—Wednesday only, for Sanger Junction, Reedley, Porterville and on special order only to Poso.
12.10 p.m.—Express—For Merced, San Francisco, Sacramento, Portland, Ogden and East.
5.30 p.m. Daily—For Sanger Junction, Reedley, Porterville and way stations.
5.50 p.m.—Sunset Route Atlantic Express—For Los Angeles, New Orleans and East.

FRESNO AND POLLASKY.

Train 39 leaves Fresno at 10.15 a.m. daily, and arrives at Pollasky at 11.45 a.m.
Train 40 leaves Pollasky at 12.30 p.m. and arrives at Fresno at 2 p.m.
The stations are East Fresno, Barton's Spur, Las Palmas, Ryger's Spur, Tarpey's Spur, Clovis, Gordon and Pollasky.

RICH GRAY, Gen. Traffic Manager.
T. H. GOODMAN, Gen. Pass. Agent.

U. S. Dept. of Agriculture, Weather Bureau.

FRESNO, Jan. 5.—Observation taken at 5 p.m.

Temperature	39
Dew Point	39
Humidity (per cent)	100
Wind W (miles per hour)	.01
Maximum Temperature for past 24 hours	42
Minimum Temperature for past 24 hours	34
Rainfall	.70
Total rainfall for season	3.20

Weather Forecast.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 5.—Official forecast for twenty-four hours ending midnight, January 6th — Northern California — Fair weather; slight temperature changes; variable winds.

EVENTS.

TO COME.

January 10—City Board of Education.
January 17—Fresno County World's Fair Commission.
January 23—2 p.m.—Grand Jury.

THE annual number of THE REPUBLICAN issued on Sunday morning has met with a very flattering reception, and at the rate the extra copies are now going the edition will be exhausted within a few days.

THE San Jose Mercury commenced the New Year with a new volume. If the Mercury expects to make a better paper this year than it did last year, it has an awful big contract on its hands.

EDITOR OTIS of the Los Angeles Times has been off in the mountains hunting lions. The Colonel always goes after big game, shoots with a big gun, and has many scalps in his wickiup to prove his prowess.

SENATOR DAWES, from the committee on Indian affairs, has reported favorably on the bill to admit the Indian Territory, the home of the five civilized tribes, to statehood. Grave questions are involved in this proposition. Even if the Indians were competent to take care of themselves, it would not follow that they are competent to administer a state government.

THE board of supervisors have commenced their year's record for economy by scaling down the salary of the county physician from $3000 to $2000. The heavily burdened taxpayers of the county will appreciate all such action in their behalf, and the board will undoubtedly find many other places in which the interests of economy can be subserved during the year. No objection has ever been made to the excellent management of the county hospital, except that it could be done at less expense.

THE Triangle is keeping up its record for bleeding the taxpayers. The matter of letting contracts for supplies has become a mere farce. It is only thirty days since the contract for the guttering plastering job was let to the highest bidder, at a cost to the taxpayers of fully $1000 more than it would have cost if let to the lowest bidder. Last night $500 more was paid for a fire engine than an engine of equally good reputation and of the same class was offered for. Both engines are recognized as standard machines, and no legitimate reason can be assigned for paying the extra $500. It is simply another case of barefaced robbery of the taxpayers. Fifteen hundred dollars in thirty days is a pretty good record, even for the Triangle. How long can the people stand the blood-letting process at that rate?

IT is interesting to see a Mugwump newspaper like the New York Times getting frightened at the utterances of its own partisans. The Times, in an article recently published, calls Mr. Springer, chairman of the ways and means committee of the Democratic house of representatives, to account for saying substantially that, when the Democratic free trade program is carried out, goods of foreign manufacture will pour into the country in a vast and overwhelming volume, of course driving American manufactures out of the market, and American workingmen out of hitherto remunerative employment. The Times says:

"Mr. Springer appears to think that the reduction of the present duties to an average of 35 per cent would bring in so great a quantity of woolen goods from abroad that the revenue at first would be as large as it is now, and in following years would be even larger, owing to a greater increase of the quantity of imported goods. The value of these imports last years was $35,500,000. He looks forward, as he says, to the importation of almost three times as much, or goods to the value of $100,000,000, as the immediate result of a reduction of the duties to an average of 35 per cent."

The Times, which steadfastly advocated the free trade program during the past campaign, does not want this prospect held out to the people so plainly and frankly. It says that "if it had been advertised that the purpose of the party of tariff reform was to cause the quantity of imported woolen goods to be multiplied by three in the first year of the new tariff, and by four or five in following years, some votes that were cast for the party's candidates would have been withheld." This is very likely. At the same time those American workingmen who voted for the free trade program will have only themselves to blame should the program, when carried out, have the effect which Mr. Springer, speaking as a representative of his party and as chairman of the most important committee of the house, has indicated.

THE California Fruit Grower says that a movement is on foot to establish a fruit exchange in Kansas City on a large scale. A building will soon be erected with a capacity of 300 cars in addition to rooms of ample size for selling fruit by auction. The company is known as the Kansas City Fruit Auction and Cold Storage company, reported to be financially strong and composed of prominent business men and capitalists. They allege that Kansas City is the best distributing center west of New York, and that train loads of California fruit pass through nearly every week to Chicago and other eastern points, only to be hauled back by the carload to Kansas City for local distribution. There is no doubt that if the effect of the the exchange will be to distribute California fruit more largely from that center, it will operate favorably to California growers and shippers. Instead of taking the fruit on to Chicago and then back again, increasing the haul by nearly 1000 miles and the time by three or four days, the fruit will go that much sooner into consumption, greatly to the benefit of shipper and consumer alike. What is true of Kansas City in this respect is true of all principal cities of the west and northwest which are lacking in facilities for handling fruit except in small quantities. The fruit which they get from this state is reshipped for the most part from markets further east and has deteriorated in quality by reason of the time which has elapsed in the unnecessary shipping. The establishment of fruit exchanges in these cities will greatly facilitate and increase the business, but a still more important movement is that which has been suggested by W. H. Mills of the Southern Pacific company, who proposes a system of direct delivery from the fruit trains at all points along the lines covered by their system, so that every town, village and hamlet can have the benefit of fresh California fruits, delivered in desired quantities, while the fruit grower will realize the benefit of a vastly broader market than he now finds in a few wholesale distributing points. It is safe to say that with intelligent and enterprising measures for distribution, that the markets for California fresh fruits can be readily increased to double their present capacity and at equally as good or better prices than prevail at present.

THE London police are said to be taking vigilant precautions against a suspected plot on the part of foreign anarchists. England has for many years been a ready asylum for political refugees from the continent. When Austria was exercising frightful oppression in Hungary, and France was prostrate under the corrupt and polished despotism of the late Napoleon, no nice distinction was drawn as to the antecedents of the exiles. The construction of what constituted a political offense was very liberal, and extradition was seldom granted when patriotism was offered as a defense. But of late years the British authorities have found that the foreign refugees are often of a dangerous class, actuated not by love of country but by hatred of society, and that they hate law and order as much in London as they did at home. Anarchists, in the guise of patriots, are now carefully watched, and a number of them who were abusing British hospitality for the manufacture of bombs, and who had drawn several natives of Great Britain into their nefarious schemes, were recently sentenced, along with their English associates, to long terms of penal servitude. The affair, and the extradition of the French anarchist, Francois, have so irritated the anarchists in London that it is feared that they are preparing to strike a blow in retaliation. They are, however, being closely shadowed and watched wherever they go, and should they attempt any outrage detection and severe punishment will almost certainly follow. As anarchists are the common enemies of the rest of mankind, law abiding people everywhere are interested in seeing them brought to justice whenever and wherever they violate the law.

FOR the information of the Expositor this paper will state that it is still in favor of a revision of the notorious county government act and a reduction of the salaries which were unduly increased thereby, and it has no doubt that the matter will be properly and fairly adjusted by the legislature now in session. Assemblyman Jacobsen was pledged before his election to work for a revision of this act, and the Expositor has vouched for Assemblyman Murdecai's loyalty to his former record on that question. We have confidence in the intention and ability of these representatives to fulfill their plain obligations to the people of this county, and do not think they will require any prodding in the rear to induce them to do as they have promised. Neither do we believe that any influence will be brought to bear to prevent them from doing their duty. THE REPUBLICAN does not howl before election for political effect, and retract when the battle is over. It advocates the same measures now that it did then. Can the Expositor say as much, not forgetting its atitude toward the Triangle?

GRAND MASTER WORKMAN POWDERLY'S attempt to found a co-operative factory town, for which he is said to have purchased a site near Washington, will be watched with interest. An element of co-operation has been introduced into large factories with eminent success, both in this country and in Europe. But hitherto purely co-operative industries have been mainly unsuccessful, except where the process of manufacture has been of the simplest nature and involved the employment of small capital. In the higher forms of manufacture co-operation has usually proved a failure, but this result was always attributed by its advocates to a lack of ability on the part of the conductors of the enterprises. If Mr. Powderly succeeds in raising the capital for this ambitious project we may expect the most thorough test of the virtues of the plan which has yet been made. If the experiment fails it will not, in this case at least, be on account of incapacity on the part of its leader.

THERE is an impression abroad that the Evening Expositor has, in consideration of some very small favors, been silenced in its opposition to the Triangle. It cannot be denied that some rather sinister symptoms have been noticeable of late, the failure, for instance, of the evening paper to condemn the letting of the gutter-plastering job to the highest bidder, the sale of a fire engine to the highest bidder, and other jobbery of less importance, but it is to be hoped that the apprehension will prove to be unfounded. The Expositor has in the past rendered able and effective service in opposition to this notorious combination, and THE REPUBLICAN hopes to see it again in line with the interests of the city and of its honest taxpayers. Its course from this time will be watched with more than usual interest.

THE Expositor's misfortunes seem to have soured its temper.

THEY now say that Billie Foote was merely running a bluff in order to force some pledges for the future. We hardly think William is dealing in futures in that way.

WHEN the Examiner pulled its Foote out of the senatorial muddle there was almost as much commotion as there would have been had Mr. Cleveland sneezed on Broadway in New York.

SAN FRANCISCO has just turned out of office a boodling board of supervisors to make room for a board of which better things are—not exactly expected, but hoped. It is a little too much to expect, and the hope is rather faint.

THE young American lady who married a Parisian and then offered herself as a subject for inoculation with the new preventive for Asiatic cholera, probably made up her mind that the latter risk was a comparatively slight one.

MR. CLEVELAND apparently receives more reverence in California than he does in his home in New York. The present outlook at Albany is favorable to the election of Murphy as senator, in the face of the outspoked opposition of the president-elect.

THE Central Californian, the organ of the People's Party, put in the lowest bid for supplying the city with job printing for the current year, and the contract was given the Expositor on the ground that it had the best facilities for doing the work. This is perhaps true, but whether it is or not, there can be no doubt about the Expositor having the best facilities for getting the contract.

THE Expositor asserts in a very angry tone of voice that it has not been silenced in regard to the Triangle and its methods, in consideration of some very small favors recently received from that remarkable combination. This is gratifying news, if true. In view, however, of the Expositor's recent attitude towards that body and its individual members, it cannot be denied that the paper in its issue of yesterday alone earned many times over all that the Triangle has given it or will ever be able to give it.

NEXT to the article on Mexico, the feature of the January Review of Reviews that deserves to attract the most attention affords another instance of the remarkable enterprise of the Review. It is an article by a bright young American lady, who was married to a Frenchman and lives in Paris. She offered herself to Drs. Pasteur and Hafkine as the first woman who dared to submit to the experiment of being inoculated by the new method at the Pasteur Institute for Asiatic cholera. She has written of her experience and of the wonderful new cholera preventive; and her article is so recent that it was not received in New York until late in December. It is one which will be read and talked of everywhere.

THE San Jose Mercury says that the number of senatorial contests going on at the present time and the extraordinary fact that so many of them are involved in deadlocks, give to the political situation of the country an aspect peculiarly favorable to the arguments of those who are in favor of electing senators by a direct vote of the people. Republicans, Democrats and Populists can all find in the existing condition of affairs something to incline them to believe that such a change would be beneficial to their particular party, and as a consequence more politicians can be found to support the change now than ever before.

FRESNO should be selected as the place for the meeting of the national irrigation congress. The irrigation systems of Fresno county are more extensive than those of any other portion of the state, and the effects, the transformation scene, so to speak, brought about the marriage of the melted snows with the thirsty soil of what was once a desert, are more striking, partaking as they do of the nature of the marvelous. The members of the congress may see in Fresno, land that twenty years ago could not be sold at $5 an acre, now covered with vineyards and orchards of luxuriant growth and valued at from $300 to $1000 an acre. Fresno county presents the finest object lesson on irrigation that can be found anywhere else in the world.

IT really seems as if the Expositor will never find its proper sphere of activity. Last evening it did a little supposing of a lamentably unbrilliant kind. It supposed that now that we have a Republican sheriff there will be no delay in capturing Sontag and Evans and hunting down the assassins who committed several murders during the past year. The murderers of McWhirter, Good, Lee and Para have had several months time to put themselves beyond the reach of Fresno's new sheriff and the Expositor itself is authority for the information that Sontag and Evans are wintering at the foot of Mt. Ararat in Asia. The other criminals have had time to journey to Mars. The Expositor seems somewhat anxious to burden the county with a big mileage bill. What an absurd paperette it is!

THERE was a little blizzard in Kansas recently, and the editor of a local paper gives the following graphic description of the effect as witnessed by himself: "As we write this item, Wednesday evening, the force of this office is completely snowed in. A huge snow drift envelopes the entire building and we have nothing to chew on for twenty-four hours except an old roller and an empty ink can. The situation is getting serious. The editor and the devil are glaring at each other, each looking for an opportunity to eat the other, with chance about equally divided. We roasted the office cat and baked the towel for dinner, and if help does not arrive before morning one or the other must give in. If you get this paper this week you may know that the editor came out on top, or that help arrived in time to save a calamity."

THE Expositor does not deny that the Triangle gave it the contract for doing the job printing for the city, notwithstanding that its bid was higher than that of the Central Californian, but states that the latter has not the facilities for doing the work. This opinion appears to be unfounded, and as the Californian was prepared to give bonds for the satisfactory performance of the contract, it is also irrelevant. The Expositor will hardly deny that the Californian is much better equipped for doing the work than is the office which has been doing the job printing for the city since the Daily Review was crushed to death under the burden of the Triangle. The amount involved in this peculiar transaction may not be very large, but the principle at stake is the same as it would be in a larger transaction, and serves to illustrate the common practice of the Triangle to ignore the rules which should should rightly prevail in these matters and to be governed instead by the only law for which they ever shown any respect—that of favoritism and jobbery.

THE REPUBLICAN will not reply to the editorial tirade in last evening's Expositor in the abusive tone adopted by that paper. The fact is that THE REPUBLICAN does not care much about what the Expositor says or what it permits Mr. Fahey to say through its columns. The readers of the Expositor are familiar with Mr. Fahey and his characteristics as they have been graphically and truthfully portrayed in the columns of that paper but recently, and as to the motives and methods of THE REPUBLICAN in dealing with public and political affairs, it stands without argument on its record, and cheerfully invites comparison with the conduct of the Expositor in like matters—if such a comparison be possible. It is a part of the duty of THE REPUBLICAN, as it is of every newspaper depending for support upon the community to defend the people and to expose and oppose the jobbers and corruptionists who are constantly plotting to carry out their selfish schemes regardless of the public welfare, and if in so doing this paper occasionally makes it a little unpleasant for its contemporary, it is not because of any desire to do so, but simply because it becomes necessary in the pursuance of the course to which it firmly adheres. THE REPUBLICAN does not desire any unneighborly wrangle with the Expositor, but it may as well be understood now that if it persists in reversing its familiar record on the Triangle by silence or otherwise, this paper will see to it that the public will not be deceived by its change of front.

GOVERNOR MARKHAM'S message to the legislature is one of the most comprehensive ever submitted by a governor of this state and should receive the close attention of the body to whom it is directed. It is an able review of the affairs of this great state and contains many excellent suggestions, the carrying out of which will improve the departments upon which they bear. The document is a very long one, and it is therefore possible to mention only its most important points at present. A very important matter is touched upon at the very beginning of the message, one that the producers of this state should give much thought. The Governor shows that while much is being done by our people in the way of developing the state's resources, we are importing large quantities of food products which should be produced in this state. Among the more important items are about 40,000 tons of live stock annually, 20,000 tons of meats and packing-house products, 3500 tons of eggs, 15,000 tons of hay, 5000 tons of canned goods and so on. These and the other products mentioned could as well be raised in California as imported and millions of dollars be thus kept in the state.

A good deal of space is given in the message to the various state institutions, which he pronounces generally well managed. He makes a number of suggestions, however, which, if followed, he believes will increase their efficiency. His first is that a uniform system of keeping accounts, making reports etc. be adopted for the use of these institutions. In the second place he recommends that the institutions, so far as is possible, supply each other's wants instead of buying and selling in the open markets. The large number of orphans and indigents is also commented upon and a recommendation made that each county care for its own unfortunates of this class instead of shifting the responsibility of their maintenance upon the state. Much stress is laid upon the inconvenient, cumbersome and expensive system of assessing property followed in California. Annual assessment of real property is condemned as unnecessary, and the assessment of property by a county assessor and then by a city or town assessor is also termed costly as well as unnecessary. His suggestions for the improvement of the present system are sound. Among other valuable recommendations are the amendment of the county government act, the repeal of the coyote scalp bounty, removing the limit on notaries public, allowing more money to the fish commission and requiring insurance companies to pay the whole amount of the policy. The Nicaragua canal and competing railroads are mentioned with encouragement, the revival of hydraulic mining pronounced a duty.

A matter on which many persons will differ with the Governor is that of capital punishment. He obtained statistics from each county in the state showing the number of executions that had taken place under convictions of the first degree for murder. He finds that from 1850 to 1860 the executions for murder in the first degree were 100 per cent of the convictions, and that they have steadily decreased until between 1880 and 1890 the percentage was only 16. He concludes from this that the minds of the people have changed, and that they are no longer in favor of capital punishment. By many the rarity of the enforcement of capital punishment will be ascribed to the cleverness of lawyers and the inability of the average jury to comprehend the infamy of the crime of murder. It is the laxity with which this penalty is enforced in this state that is responsible for the large number of murders and the abolition of the death penalty would only result in increasing their number.

> Old Montery should careful be,
> Her railroad scheme may floods provide.
> Let Fresno once but reach the sea,
> There'll be a raisin in the tide.
> —San Jose Mercury.
>
> Old Sank Hosay should careful be;
> The tide is raisin every minute.
> Let Fresno once but reach the sea
> Dan Sank Hosay will not be in it.

Rea Wants an Investigation.

SAN FRANCISCO, January 4.—Railroad Commissioner Rea presented resolutions this morning demanding an investigation by the legislature of the charges against the railroad commissioners. The resolutions and the Shively case went over until Wednesday.

AN ANGRY VINEYARDIST

Is Charged With Beating a Discharged Laborer.

Christ Wolf, by his attorneys, Grady & Gallagher, filed a $15,000 damage suit in the superior court yesterday against G. H. Malter.

The plaintiff alleges he was in the employ of Malter until December 20th last, when Mr. Malter discharged him. Upon this plaintiff asked for the wages due him. Instead of complying with this request he alleges that Malter beat him on the head with a heavy lantern of glass and metal.

The lantern was demolished and plaintiff received two wounds three inches long. The plaintiff further alleges that Malter followed this up by belaboring him with a heavy piece of scantling.

Plaintiff asserts he was assaulted without cause or provocation and that he suffered great physical injury. He also believes that his health has been permanently impaired and asks judgment for damages in the sum before mentioned.

LOCAL BREVITIES.

Let the irrigation congress be held in Fresno.

Long Bros. & Co. are headquarters for all kinds of choice nursery stock, J st.*

The bituminous gutters are being unevenly rolled and water puddles galore are forming.

The ejectment suit of Francis E. Spencer vs. O. H. Hawn et al. is on trial before Judge Harris.

The supervisors are drawing trial jurors for the present year. There will be 600 trial and fifty grand jurors.

Dr. Eshleman complains of turkey thieves. They have stolen sixty gobblers from him within the past four months.

The supervisors have under consideration a request from the district attorney for an additional deputy for Constable Shaw.

The Huron people don't want to be included in the new county the Hanford people are so anxious to have established.

Nancy J. Cottrell has brought suit for a divorce against John Cottrell. The ground on which a separation is prayed for is desertion.

E. J. Mahoney, by his attorney, Reel Terry, began suit in the superior court yesterday against Mary Mahoney for a divorce. The complaint is sealed.

Andy Buckner of Lemoore returned last week from Chicago and other points where he went to sell the raisin pack of the Armona Packing company. He met with success and came home more than ever satisfied that the raisin business of this country will come out in good shape.—Hanford Sentinel.

R. H. Elder, the genial young gentleman who has manipulated the typewriting machine at the Kings River Lumber company's office for two years past, contemplates opening an office at the county seat next week, and will make his home in Fresno city hereafter. He is thoroughly competent and reliable, and we wish him success in his new location.—Sanger Herald.

PERSONAL.

P. Van Valer is up from Hanford.

Joseph Escot is here from Firebaugh.

D. W. Lewis was over from Sanger yesterday.

P. K. Cheseldine is here from bleeding Kansas.

Mrs. M. B. Curtis has arrived from San Francisco.

Henry Wolters arrived from San Francisco last evening.

W. J. Dexter of Madera arrived in Fresno last evening.

Mrs. William Rudy has returned from her visit in the east.

O. A. Parliss, a prominent Reedleyite, was in Fresno yesterday.

Major A. H. Cummings and wife of Sanger spent yesterday in Fresno, their future home.

Pardons for Mormons.

WASHINGTON, January 4.—President Harrison today issued a proclamation granting full pardon and amnesty to all persons liable to penalties under the act of 1892, prohibiting plural marriage among Mormons who, since November 1, 1890, have abstained from such unlawful cohabitation, but on express condition that they shall in future obey the law, and not otherwise. Those who fail to avail themselves of the leniency hereby offered will be vigorously prosecuted. The President gives as a reason for this action the fact that the Mormon church no longer sanctions polygamous marriages, and members of the church have abstained from such marriages.

Not Hostile.

TORONTO, January 5.—Professor Goldwin Smith, referring to a dispatch from Washington concerning alleged threats of proceedings against Canadian railways, has this to say: "I believe if the threatened action is taken it will not be intended as a blow against Canada. At Washington, when the McKinley bill was going through congress, I had daily interviews with those engaged in the discussion, some of whom liked the bill about as well as I do. It never was said or even hinted to me that the object was to coerce Canada. The bill, like our own national policy of protection, was passed in the interest of the political party which brought it forward, and so with this meditated action against the railways."

No Exclusive Rights.

LOS ANGELES, January 4.—At a meeting of the Athletic association it was determined that no one should have any option on the ball grounds. Whoever is given the management of the Los Angeles team will have the grounds. This is supposed to be inimical to Vanderbeck, who claimed to have exclusive rights to Athletic park. The people here favor Lindley for manager of the Los Angeles club.

The Lost Doctor.

BROOKLYN, January 4.—The superintendent of police has received a communication from Mrs. T. E. Tynan of Modesto, Cal., offering a reward of $1000 for information concerning her husband, Dr. Thomas Tynan, who suddenly disappeared from his home October 15, 1892.

A Wholesale Rate.

LOS ANGELES, January 4.—Early this morning Z. L. Parmelee called at the police station and stated that a man giving the name of R. B. Boyd was passing forged checks bearing his name. Boyd was arrested in the afternoon after passing about 100 forged instruments.

More Trouble.

POTTSVILLE, January 4.—Trouble is threatened again between the Reading railway and the Brotherhood of Engineers and the firemen. The patch up of troubles last fall was only temporary, and the Reading management is evidently preparing for a struggle.

Hall's Vegetable Sicilian Hair Renewer has restored gray hair to its original color and prevented baldness in thousands of cases. It will do so to you.

Long Bros. & Co. have the largest assortment of roses, evergreens and ornamental stock of all descriptions ever seen in Fresno. J street. *

You say that you have had this heart trouble for a long time? My dear sir, take my advice and consult Drs. Brown and Harris, the specialists, before your heart ceases to beat. Consultation and examination with them are free to all. Their offices are daily thronged at 1745 Mariposa street. Why? Because they understand their business and people are getting tired of licensed humbuggery, which is the vilest kind of quackery. *

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Sealed Proposals.

SEALED PROPOSALS WILL BE RECEIVED by the Board of Trustees of the Caruthers School District, up to 4 o'clock p.m. of the 5th day of January, 1893, for the purpose of constructing a school building according to the plans and specifications now to be found at the Postoffice of the town of Caruthers, in the county of Fresno. A check for $50 to accompany each bid. A bond will be required for the faithful performance of the work.

The board reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

By order of the Board of Trustees of the Caruthers School District.

P. A. KANAWYER,
J. J. TRUMAN,
A. B. TROUTWEIN.
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Order of Adjudication of Insolvency.

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COUNTY of Fresno, state of California.

In the matter of J. L. Patterson, an insolvent debtor.

J. L. Patterson having filed in this court his petition, schedule and inventory in insolvency, from which it appears that he is an insolvent debtor, the said J. L. Patterson is hereby declared to be insolvent. The sheriff of the county of Fresno is hereby appointed receiver and he is hereby directed to take possession of all the estate, real and personal, of the said insolvent debtor, except such as may be by law exempt from execution, and of all his deeds, vouchers, books of account and papers, and to keep the same safely until the appointment of an assignee of his estate. All persons are forbidden to pay any debts to the said insolvent, or to deliver any property belonging to such insolvent, to him or to any person, firm, corporation or association for his use; and the said debtor is hereby forbidden to transfer or deliver any property until the further order of this court, except as herein ordered.

It is further ordered, that all the creditors of said debtor be and appear before the Hon. S. A. Holmes, judge of the superior court of the county of Fresno, in open court at the court room of said court, in the county of Fresno, on the 7th day of January, 1893, at 9 o'clock a.m. of that day, to prove their debts and choose one or more assignees of the estate of said debtor.

It is further ordered, that the order be published in the FRESNO WEEKLY REPUBLICAN, a newspaper of general circulation, published in the county of Fresno, as often as the said paper is published before the day set for the meeting of creditors.

And it is further ordered, that, in the meantime, all proceedings against the said insolvent be stayed.

S. A. HOLMES,
Judge of the Superior Court.

Dated December 1, 1892.
R. E. Davidson, Attorney for Petitioner.
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Notice to Redeem Real Estate

Sold for the non-payment of City of Fresno Taxes for the year 1891, (under section 3785 of the Political Code.)

State of California, county of Fresno, ss.
To John Cary.

YOU WILL PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT the following property assessed, situate, lying and being within the said city of Fresno, county of Fresno, state of California, particularly described as follows, to wit: Lots 11, 12, 13, block 145, according to the official plat on file in the office of the county recorder of Fresno county was, on the 21st day of December, 1891, in accordance with law, offered for sale at public auction by the tax collector of said city of Fresno, to the bidder who was willing to take the least quantity or the smallest portion of said land and pay the taxes and costs due thereon for delinquent taxes for the year 1891, and that Joseph Spinney bought at said sale on said day that portion of said land lying and being within said city of Fresno, county of Fresno, and particularly described as follows, to wit: Lots 11, 12, 13, block 145, according to the official plat on file in the office of the county recorder of Fresno county. That said Joseph Spinney paid for the same the sum of nine and 43-100 dollars, said sale being No. 52. The amount due at the date hereof is $21.90, and that the said purchaser will apply for a deed of said property according to law on the 10th day of February, 1893, that being thirty days from and after the date hereof, and that unless said property is sooner redeemed, the undersigned will apply to the tax collector, or to his successor in office, for a deed to said last described portion of said property.

Witness my hand this 6th day of January, 1893.
[seal] JOSEPH SPINNEY.
Witness to signature, Frank Steel.

Notice to Redeem Real Estate

Sold for the non-payment of City of Fresno Taxes for the year 1891 (under section 3785 of the Political Code)

State of California, county of Fresno, ss.
To A. Grinstad.

YOU WILL PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT the following property assessed, situate, lying and being within the said city of Fresno county of Fresno, state of California, particularly described as follows, to wit: Lots 13, 14, 15, 16, block 121, according to the official plat on file in the office of the county recorder of Fresno county, was, on the 21st day of December, 1891, in accordance with law, offered for sale at public auction by the tax collector of said city of Fresno, to the bidder who was willing to take the least quantity or the smallest portion of said land and pay the taxes and costs due thereon for delinquent taxes for the year 1891, and that Joseph Spinney bought at said sale on said day that portion of said land lying and being within said city of Fresno, county of Fresno and particularly described as follows, to wit: Lots 13, 14, 15, 16, block 121, according to the official plat on file in the office of the county recorder of Fresno county. That said Joseph Spinney paid for the same the sum of $11 14-100, said sale being No 53. The amount due at the date hereof is $27.46, and that the said purchaser will apply for a deed for said property according to law on the 10th day of February, 1893 that being thirty days from and after the date hereof, and that unless said property is sooner redeemed, the undersigned will apply to the tax collector, or his successor in office, for a deed to said last described portion of said property.

Witness my hand this 6th day of January, 1893.
[seal] JOSEPH SPINNEY.
Witness to signature, Frank Steel.

Notice to Redeem Real Estate

Sold for the non-payment of City of Fresno Taxes for the Year 1891. (Under Section 3785 of the Political Code.)

State of California, County of Fresno, ss.
To Mrs. Mary Poole.

YOU WILL PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT the following property assessed, situate, lying and being within the said City of Fresno, County of Fresno, State of California, particularly described as follows, to-wit: Lot 1, block 19, according to the official plat on file in the office of the County Recorder of Fresno county, was, on the 21st day of December, 1891, in accordance with law, offered for sale at public auction by the tax collector of said City of Fresno to the bidder who was willing to take the least quantity or the smallest portion of said land and pay the taxes and costs due thereon for delinquent taxes for the year 1891, and that Joseph Spinney bought at said sale on said day that portion of said land lying and being within said City of Fresno, County of Fresno, and particularly described as follows, to-wit: Lot 1, block 19, according to the official plat on file in the office of the County Recorder of Fresno county.

That said Joseph Spinney paid for the same the sum of $5.25, and said sale being No. 114. The amount due at the date hereof is $19.38, and that the said purchaser will apply for a deed for said property according to law on the 10th day of February, 1893, that being thirty days from and after the date hereof, and that unless said property is sooner redeemed the undersigned will apply to the tax collector, or his successor in office, for a deed to said last described portion of said property.

Witness my hand this 6th day of January, 1893.
(Seal) JOSEPH SPINNEY.
Witness to signature, Frank Steel.

Summons.

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COUNTY of Fresno, state of California.

Charles J. Pierson, Plaintiff, vs. Carrie L. Pierson, defendant.

Action brought in the Superior Court in and for the county of Fresno, State of California, and the complaint filed in the office of the clerk of said county.

The people of the State of California send greeting to Carrie L. Pierson, defendant.

You are hereby required to appear in an action brought against you by the above named plaintiff, in the Superior Court, in and for the county of Fresno, state of California, and to answer the complaint filed therein, within ten days (exclusive of the day of service) after the day of service on you of this summons, if served within this county; or, if served elsewhere, within thirty days.

The said action is brought to obtain a decree of this court dissolving the bonds of matrimony heretofore and now existing between you and this plaintiff, upon the grounds of desertion. Plaintiff also prays for general relief.

All of which is more fully set out in the complaint on file herein, a copy of which is herewith served, and to which you are hereby specially referred for further particulars.

And you are hereby notified that if you fail to appear and answer the said complaint as above required, the said plaintiff will cause your default to be entered, and apply to the court for the relief demanded in the complaint.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Superior court, of the county of Fresno, state of California, this 10th day of November in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-two.

SEAL

A. C. WILLIAMS, Clerk,
By S. J. ASHMAN, Deputy Clerk.

Goucher, Jacobs & Jones, Attorneys for Plaintiff. d2w10

SCHOOL BOND ELECTION.

Order of Board of Trustees.

WHEREAS, IN THE JUDGMENT OF the Board of Trustees of Jacalitos school district, in the county of Fresno, state of California, it is advisable to call an election and submit to the electors of this district whether bonds of such district in the amount of $500 (five hundred dollars), to bear interest at the rate of 8 per cent per annum, and to run not exceeding ten years, shall be issued and sold for the purpose of raising money for purchasing school lots, fencing school ground, sinking well, furnish the same with pump, windmill and tank, and furnishing school house with more seats, in such district.

Now, therefore, it is hereby ordered—

First—That such election be and the same is hereby called to be held on the 14th day of January, 1893, from sunrise until five o'clock p.m. of said day, at the public school house in said district.

Second—That the following named persons be and they are hereby appointed judges to conduct the said election, viz.: Charles Bock, Charles Hill and Fedel Cavalli.

Third—That such election be called by posting notices, signed by this board, in three of the most public places in the district for not less than twenty days before the election; and that such notice be published in the Fresno Weekly Republican, a newspaper printed and published in said Fresno county, not less than once a week for three successive weeks prior to the date of holding such election.

Fourth—That such notice shall be as follows, to-wit:

NOTICE.

SCHOOL BOND ELECTION NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given to the electors of Jacalitos school district, in the county of Fresno, and state of California, that, in accordance with the provisions of the Political Code of the state of California, as set forth in section 1880, to and including section 1888 of said code, an election will be held on the 14th day of January, A.D. 1893, at the public school house in said Jacalitos school district, at which time will be submitted to the electors of said district the question of issuing the bonds of the district and selling the same, for the purpose of raising money for purchasing school lots, fencing school ground, sinking well, furnish the same with pump, windmill and tank, and furnishing school house with more seats.

The polls will be opened and the election held at the school house in Jacalitos school district, on the 14th day of January, 1893, and the polls will be open from sunrise of said day until 5 o'clock p.m. of said day.

Charles Bock, Charles Hill and Fedel Cavalli will act as judges of said election to conduct the same.

The amount of bonds to be issued is $500 (five hundred dollars) of the denomination of $125 (one hundred twenty-five dollars) each, and to bear interest at the rate of 8 per cent per annum.

Said bonds are to be numbered consecutively 1 to 4, inclusively, and are to mature as follows, to-wit:

No. 1 to run inclusive four years from January 14, 1893.

No. 2 to run inclusive six years from January 14, 1893.

No. 3 to run inclusive eight years from January 14, 1893.

No. 4 to run inclusive ten years from January 14, 1893.

Said election will be held in conformity with the provisions of the Political Code of California governing such elections.

Dated 16th December, 1892.

JAMES H. SPRAGUE,
J. H. DAVIS,
THOS. C. HUMMEL,
Trustees of Jacalitos school District.
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Notice to Creditors.

Estate of Anna T. Gherardi, deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN BY THE UNdersigned administrator, with the will annexed, of the estate of Anna T. Gherardi deceased, to the creditors of, and all persons having claims against the said deceased, to exhibit them with the necessary vouchers, within four months after the first publication of this notice, to the said administrator, at the office of George A. Nourse, in the City of Fresno, County of Fresno, State of California, the same being his place for the transaction of the business of the said estate in the said County of Fresno, State of California.

HORACE DAVIS,
Administrator, with the will annexed, of the estate of Anna T. Gherardi, deceased.
Dated, Fresno, Cal., November 26, 1892.
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Notice to Redeem Real Estate

Sold for the non payment of City of Fresno Taxes for the year 1891, (under section 3785 of the Political Code.)

State of California, county of Fresno, ss.
To Mrs. M. B. Tryon.

YOU WILL PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT the following property assessed, situate, lying and being within the said city of Fresno, county of Fresno, state of California, particularly described as follows, to wit: Lots 29, 30, 31, 32, block 52, according to the official plat on file in the office of the county recorder of Fresno county was, on the 21st day of December, 1891, in accordance with law, offered for sale at public auction by the tax collector of said city of Fresno, to the bidder who was willing to take the least quantity or the smallest portion of said land and pay the taxes and costs due thereon for delinquent taxes for the year 1891, and that Joseph Spinney bought at said sale on said day that portion of said land lying and being within said city of Fresno, county of Fresno, and particularly described as follows, to wit: Lots 29, 30, 31, 32, block 52, according to the official plat on file in the office of the county recorder of Fresno. That said Joseph Spinney paid for the same the sum of $17 5-100, said sale being No. 158, book 1891, page 50. The amount due at the date hereof is $37.06, and that the said purchaser will apply for a deed for said property according to law on the 10th of February, 1893, that being thirty days from and after the date hereof, and that unless said property is sooner redeemed, the undersigned will apply to the tax collector, or his successor in office, for a deed to said last described portion of said property.

Witness my hand this 6th day of January, 1893.

his
[seal] JOSEPH X SPINNEY.
mark.

Witness to signature, Frank Steel.

Notice to Redeem Real Estate

Sold for the non-payment of City of Fresno Taxes for the Year 1891, Under Section 3785 of the Political Code.)

State of California, County of Fresno, ss.
To J. L. Howell

YOU WILL PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT the following property assessed, situate, lying and being within the said City of Fresno, County of Fresno, State of California, particularly described as follows, to-wit: Lots 8, 9, 10, block (172) one hundred and seventy-two, according to the official plat on file in the office of the County Recorder of Fresno county, was, on the 21st day of December, 1891, in accordance with law, offered for sale at public auction by the tax collector of said City of Fresno to the bidder who was willing to take the least quantity or the smallest portion of said land and pay the taxes and costs due thereon for delinquent taxes for the year 1891, and that Joseph Spinney bought at said sale on said day that portion of said land lying and being within said city of Fresno, county of Fresno, and particularly described as follows, to wit: Lots 8, 9, 10, blk 172, according to the official plat on file in the office of the County Recorder of Fresno county. That said Joseph Spinney paid for the same the sum of $1.25, said sale being No. 71, book 1891, page 26. The amount due at the date hereof is $15.60, and that the said purchaser will apply for a deed for said property according to law on the 10th day of February, 1893, that being thirty days from and after the date hereof, and that unless said property is sooner redeemed the undersigned will apply to the tax collector, or his successor in office, for a deed to said last described portion of said property.

Witness my hand this 6th day of January, 1893.

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[Seal] JOSEPH X SPINNEY,
mark.

Witness to signature, Frank Steel.

Notice to Redeem Real Estate

Sold for the non-payment of City of Fresno Taxes for the Year 1891. [Under Section 3785 of the Political Code]

State of California, County of Fresno, ss.
To R. C. Miller—

YOU WILL PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT the following property assessed, situate, lying and being within the said city of Fresno, county of Fresno, state of California, particularly described as follows, to wit: Lots 9, 10, block [30] thirty, according to the official plat on file in the office of the county recorder of Fresno county, was, on the 21st day of December, 1891, in accordance with law, offered for sale at public auction by the tax collector of said city of Fresno, to the bidder who was willing to take the least quantity or the smallest portion of said land and pay the taxes and costs due thereon for delinquent taxes for the year 1891, and that Joseph Spinney bought at said sale on said day that portion of said land lying and being within said city of Fresno, county of Fresno, and particularly described as follows to wit: Lots 9, 10, block No. 30, according to the official plat on file in the office of the county recorder of Fresno county. That said Joseph Spinney paid for the same the sum of $5.75-100, said sale being No. 93, book 1891, page 25. The amount due at the date hereof is $19.37-100, and that the said purchaser will apply for a deed for said property according to law on the 10th day of February, 1893, that being thirty days from and after the date hereof, and that unless said property is sooner redeemed, the undersigned will apply to the tax collector or his successor in office, for a deed to said last described portion of said property.

Witness my hand this 5th day of January, 1893.
[Seal] JOSEPH SPINNEY.
Witness to signature, Frank Steel.

Notice to Redeem Real Estate

Sold for the non-payment of City of Fresno Taxes for the year 1891 (under section 3785 of the Political Code).

State of California, county of Fresno, ss.
To C. Higgins.

YOU WILL PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT the following property assessed, situate, lying and being within the said city of Fresno state of California, particularly described as follows, to wit: Lots 19, 20, block 13, according to the official plat on file in the office of the county recorder of Fresno county, was, on the 21st day of December, 1891, in accordance with law, offered for sale at public auction by the tax collector of said city of Fresno, to the bidder who was willing to take the least quantity or the smallest portion of said land and pay the taxes and costs due thereon, for delinquent taxes for the year 1891, and that Joseph Spinney bought at said sale on said day that portion of said land lying and being within said city of Fresno, county of Fresno, and particularly described as follows, to wit: Lots 19, 20, block 13, according to the official plat on file in the office of the county recorder of Fresno. That said Joseph Spinney paid for the same the sum of three and 15-100 dollars, said sale being No. 63. The amount due at the date hereof is $15 45, and that the said purchaser will apply for a deed for said property according to law on the 10th day of February, 1893; that being thirty days from and after the date hereof, and that unless said property is sooner redeemed, the undersigned will apply to the tax collector, or his successor in office, for a deed to said last described portion of said property.

Witness my hand this 6th day of January, 1893.
[seal] JOSEPH SPINNEY.
Witness to signature, Frank Steel.

Notice to Redeem Real Estate

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State of California, County of Fresno, ss.
To V. E. Sloan,

YOU WILL PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT the following property assessed, situate, lying and being within the said City of Fresno, County of Fresno, State of California, particularly described as follows, to-wit: Lots 12, 13, block 332, according to the official plat on file in the office of the County Recorder of Fresno county, was, on the 21st day of December, 1891, in accordance with law, offered for sale at public auction by the tax collector of the said City of Fresno, to the bidder who was willing to take the least quantity or the smallest portion of said land and pay the taxes and costs due thereon for delinquent taxes during the year 1891, and that Joseph Spinney bought at said sale on said day that portion of said land lying and being within said City of Fresno, County of Fresno, and particularly described as follows, to-wit: Lots 12, 13, block 332, according to the official plat on file in the office of the County Recorder of Fresno county.

The said Joseph Spinney paid for the same the sum of $4.65, said sale being No. 155. The amount due at the date hereof is $16.25, and that the said purchaser will apply for a deed for said property according to law on the 10th day of February, 1893, that being thirty days from and after the date hereof, and that unless said property is sooner redeemed the undersigned will apply to the tax-collector, or his successor in office, for a deed to said last described portion of said property.

Witness my hand this 6th day of January, 1893.

his
JOSEPH X SPINNEY.
mark.

Witness to signature, Frank Steel.

Notice to Redeem Real Estate

Sold for the non-payment of City of Fresno Taxes for the Year 1891. (Under Section 3785 of the Political Code.)

State of California, County of Fresno, ss.
To F. C. Jarvis.

YOU WILL PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT the following property assessed, situate lying and being within the said City of Fresno, County of Fresno, State of California, particularly described as follows, to-wit: Lots 9, 10, 11, 12, block 273, according to the official plat on file in the office of the County Recorder of Fresno county, was, on the 21st day of December, 1891, in accordance with law, offered for sale at public auction by the tax collector of said city of Fresno to the bidder who was willing to take the least quantity or the smallest portion of said land and pay the taxes and costs due thereon for delinquent taxes for the year 1891, and that Joseph Spinney bought at said sale on said day that portion of said land lying and being within said City of Fresno, County of Fresno, and particularly described as follows, to-wit: Lots 9 to 12, block 273, according to the official plat on file in the office of the County Recorder of Fresno county.

That said Joseph Spinney paid for the same the sum of $4.72, said sale being No. 87, book 1891, page 29. The amount due at the date hereof is $17.80, and that the said purchaser will apply for a deed for said property according to law on the 10th day of February, 1893, that being thirty days from and after the date hereof, and that unless said property is sooner redeemed the undersigned will apply to the tax collector, or his successor in office, for a deed to said last described portion of said property.

Witness my hand this 6th day of January, 1893.

his
JOSEPH X SPINNEY.
mark.

Witness to signature, Frank Steel.

Assessment Notice.

OLEANDER BUILDING ASSOCIATION—Principal place of business, Oleander, Fresno county, State of California.

Notice is hereby given that at a meeting of the Directors held on the 2d day of December, 1892, an assessment of ten dollars ($10) per share was levied upon the capital stock of the corporation, payable on or before January 7, 1893, to J. D. Galloway, Secretary, at his office in Oleander Fresno county, Cal. Any stock upon which this assessment shall remain unpaid on the 7th day of January, 1893, will be delinquent and advertised for sale at public auction, and unless payment is made before will be sold on the 7th day of February, 1893, to pay the delinquent assessment, together with costs of advertising and expenses of sale. J. D. GALLOWAY, Secretary.

Office, Oleander, Fresno County, Cal. d9w5

THE HIGHEST BIDDER

Receives the Indorsement of the Triangle.

THE VOTE TAKEN SECRETLY

Five Hundred Dollars Scooped From the Treasury—The Job Printing Job.

The Triangle bought a fire engine last night paying for it $500 more than the lowest bid.

In unnecessarily taking $500 out of the city treasury they did so under cover of the secret ballot, so as to make Church and Herrington shoulder some ofthe responsibility, but Mr. Church's announcement that he had voted for Clapp & Jones' American engine, the lowest bid, and the fact that Herrington had a preference for the Amoskeag, saddles the three votes for the high priced La France engine upon the Triangle in spite of the secret ballot.

Mr. Church's question was unanswerable.

"If you are going to award contracts to the highest bidder, what's the use of advertising at al ?"

That is the question that every taxpayer is asking also.

Trustee Church, the district attorney, answered "aye," when name was called at the meeting of the city council last night. Mr. Van Meter, his defeated opponent for the district attorneyship, having filed a contest, Mr. Church did not assume the office and will not until the contest shall have been decided.

If the contest should result in favor of Mr. Church, as undoubtedly will, an interesting legal question may arise as to whether he was a member of the city council on and after January 1st, and as to whether the business done last night with the aid of Mr. Church's voice and vote was legal.

SALOON LICENSES.

The petition of Fender & Kewitz for a transfer to them of H. Harms & Co.'s saloon license was read. It was decided to grant the license upon the filing of the proper bonds.

The application of G. Luchetti for a saloon license at 1131 F street was read a second time, but no bond having been filed no action was taken.

STREET LIGHTS WANTED.

Petitions for electric lights at the corner of I and Stanislaus streets and Amador and I streets were placed on file. The same course was taken with the petition for a light at B and Mono streets.

CITY MARSHAL'S REPORT.

City Marshal Morgan reported having collected $429.55 for city licenses.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT.

The report of the fire department for December, 1892, showed an expenditure of $3,420.43.

The reports of the other officers were received and filed without being read.

FINANCIAL REPORT.

The following semi-annual report of the city treasurer was read: On hand December 31st, municipal improvement fund No. 1, $1642 64; No. 2, $4279 40; No. 3, $1047.04; No. 4, $28.56; No. 5 $9533 60; bond fund No. 3, $4482.28; No. 5, $49,479.65 general fund $23,685 64; street fund $3692.58; sewer fund $3364 10; library fund $4248 08; total, $104,883 57; school fund overdrawn, $4902 42; total amount on hand $99,981.15. His commissions amounted to $883.15.

JONES GETS HIS REPORT IN.

J. D. Jones reported on the job printing bids for 1893 that he found that some of the Expositor bids were higher than those of the Central Californian, but the Expositor had better facilities for doing the work. On motion of Fahey the contract was unanimously awarded to the Expositor. No figures were given and the bids had never been read at a meeting of the board.

THE PEDDLERS' ORDINANCE.

The amended peddlers' ordinance came up for adoption and Cole said that it would be well to amend to impose a license of $25 per month upon citizens living outside of the city who came into town to peddle meat.

No notice was taken of his suggestion, and the ordinance as amended was finally passed. Under this ordinance persons may peddle meat here by paying $15 per month license for each horse and wagon employed. Persons peddling produce raised upon land owned or rented by them are exempt from the payment of any license.

This leaves the old ordinance stand.

RESOLUTIONS FOR STREET WORK.

A resolution of intention to grade Fresno street from P street to Grand avenue was adopted.

To grade R street from Mariposa to the northern city limits. Adopted.

To pave with bituminous rock or asphaltum Fresno street, from I to K street. Adopted.

SEWER BONDS.

An ordinance calling for a special election to vote $75,000 for the completion of the sewer system was read for the first time.

The ordinance was referred to the city attorney with instructions to report upon it at the next meeting.

THE HIGH SCHOOL BONDS.

Mr. Tarrill, representative of the firm of Hayes & Sons of Cleveland, O., addressed the council and said that Hayes & Sons desired to return the high school bonds and receive their $50,000 back. Hayes & Sons had sold the bonds and were held liable by their customers for the payment of the accrued interest to date. He therefore made that request to the board, intimating at the same time that it would militate against the credit of Fresno city abroad if the interest was not paid by the city. He therefore requested that the bonds be received by the city at par and that the city pay the accrued interest. Hayes & Sons and their customers were entirely satisfied as to the legality of the bonds.

City Attorney Terry said that, with all due respect to Superior Judge Harris, he was of the opinion that the bonds had been legally issued. He could not see how the city could pay any interest on the bonds. It is currently known that the rate of money on deposit in these banks is 6 per cent, and this money has been in the possession of the city treasurer for several months. He had received the money as the agent of the city, and he had refused to pay it out as the city's agent. Mr. McKenzie received this money as the city treasurer, and he is holding it as a private individual. The city attorney suggested that Hayes & Sons give the city a release of all claims, and the city will agree to waive all claims against Hayes & Sons.

"McKenzie's getting a good thing; he's getting 6 per cent," added Mr. Terry.

"No; I don't think he is," responded Mr. Church. "I understand that he has deposited it for safe keeping with several banks—merely for safe keeping, and not to get interest on it."

Mr. Church added that the trustees had no power to pay the interest unless they paid it out of their own pockets.

The matter was deferred until Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

THE RESERVATION PARK.

Alford presented a report of the grades on the railroad reservation, the site of the proposed park. The report was by City Surveyor Etter, and he estimated that 112 cubic yards of filling was necessary. The filling could be done for 20 cents per yard. Alford was authorized to proceed with the work.

THE FISKE COMPROMISE.

Alford asked Cole whether he was prepared to report on the matter of closing the openings of the stairways leading into the basement of the Fiske building.

Cole said that the work of putting glass over the openings would cost about $500, and he said he was in favor of having the city pay one-half the expense.

Alford said that he had heard it estimated at $700.

City Attorney Terry said that the city would win the case, but it would take a long time and much litigation. He therefore suggested that the cheaper way would be to pay half the expense.

Fahey said that it would be better to pay $500 than go into litigation about it.

Chairman Cole was authorized to expend $250 for the purpose of making the compromise.

William M. Hughes, foreman of fire engine company No. 2, asked that the board appropriate twenty badges and twenty shirts for the firemen. The shirts would cost between $3 and $3.75 each.

Alford moved that Mr. Hughes' request be granted.

Acting Chief Engineer Walton asked that the board provide shirts for engine company No. 1 and badges for the chemical engine company. When the old fire department was turned out the firemen took their shirts, hats and badges with them.

It was decided on motion of Mr. that three dozen badges at $1.25 each and on motion of Fahey that sixty shirts at $2.25 each be purchased for the use of the department.

BIDS FOR A FIRE ENGINE.

Bids for furnishing the city with a fire engine were opened as follows:

American Fire Engine company No. 2, $4200; No. 3, $3950, both Clapp & Jones make.

J. W. Girvin & Co., Amoskeag engine, second class, $4475; third class, weight 5500 pounds, $4225.

D. D. Hayes, the La France engine, second class (6600 pounds) $4700.

A SECRET BALLOT.

Fahey—I move that we proceed to ballot by secret ballot.

One of the bidders requested that the board should read his communication appended to his bid in which he stated that there was a difference of 47 per cent capacity between a second and a third class engine while there was but a trifling difference in price.

As each bidder had a communication the board decided not to read them.

Church seconded Fahey's secret ballot motion and it prevailed unanimously. The members wrote upon slips of paper the names of the engines they wanted and deposited the ballots in the clerks hat. They were counted with the following result: La France 3, Amoskeag 1, American 1.

THE NIGGER IN THE FENCE.

As in the case of the gutter plaster and the advertising and job printing contracts, the contract was awarded to the highest bidder, the La France for $4700.

Church said that he could not understand why the highest bid should be accepted. He had voted for the American, the lowest.

Fahey said that he had voted for the La France, and that he had not heard anybody complaining about Mr. Church's vote.

Mr. Church remarked that the engines were all of the same quality and that he thought it strange that the highest bid had been accepted, notwithstanding that not one word had been said in favor of one engine more than anothers What was the use of advertising for bid, anyhow? he asked.

Alford said that he had read the communications yesterday.

Church remarked that the communication and the bids had been sealed together, and had not been opened before they were opened by the chairman of the board a few minutes before.

Cole said that there was a difference of opinion as to the merits of the different engines, and that the members had voted intelligently. He said that the successful bidder had given a guarantee for ten years.

A COY MONOPOLY.

Alford called attention to the fact that no bids had been received for lighting the city, and he moved that the city attorney be requested to prepare an ordinance calling for an election for bonds to furnish the city with its own water works and electric light plant. The motion was carried.

BILLS.

The following bills were read by the clerk and ordered paid:

SALARIES.	
City officials	$ 525 00
Fire department	810 00
Police	700 00
GENERAL FUND.	
Fresno Milling Co, feed	$ 23 30
C M Carter, plans, etc	38 22
R A Hamilton, veterinary	6 50
J H Anderson, stoking	2 50
Macartea Bros, horse shoeing	6 75
E I Hutchinson, blacksmithing	2 50
Kutner-Goldstein Co, mdse	2 50
McKay & Grant, horse shoeing	6 00
John Nute, stoking	2 50
R Seidler	2 50
A D Crow, pound fees	100 50
J D Morgan, police headquarters	3 25
Expositor, advertising	7 95
J M McClure, job printing	25 00
Riggins & Rehorn, repairs on engine house	17 00
Tim Walton, care fire alarm	40 00
A N Grady, horse feed	10 00
F A Foin, mdse and repairs	1 50
J R Harbison, repairs on engine house	1 75
Thomas E Hughes & Son, rent police headquarters	37 35
W F Gutberth, special police	8 75
J Graham, veterinary	5 00
STREET FUND.	
A J Bearden, street work	$ 25 00
L A Bearden	10 00
F Matty	6 00
J Wright	6 00
Thomas Day	15 00
J H Morrison	20 25
J Roeding	6 00
John Tuite	7 00
J H Anderson	25 00
W G Warren	17 50
Thomas Taylor	11 00
Robert Pitts	6 00
H A G Smith, rent of barn	5 00
J M McClure, job printing	25 75
Fresno Gas & Electric Light Co, poles and wire	733 95
SEWER FUND.	
J H Morrison, sewer work	$ 9 00
E P Dickey	6 00
W G Warren	6 00
Thomas Taylor	6 00
Robert Pitts	7 00
C M Blackman, wire brush	20 00
W S McMurtry, flushing water	1200 00

On motion of Alford, the electric light company's bill for $733 for setting up wires and poles was referred to the finance committee.

The bill for plans for the crematorium was allowed to the extent of $20. The architect charged 5 per cent on the estimated cost of the crematorium while the board thought that he was entitled to only 5 per cent on the contract price, which was lower than the estimated price.

The remainder of the bills were allowed.

GRADY'S EXTRA TWENTY.

Fahey said that Policeman Grady had been drawing $10 from the city for lighting and extinguishing gas lamps, the same being to pay for horse feed. He had been informed that Grady had been drawing $10 per month from the gas company for the same service. He therefore moved that Grady's pay as lamplighter be stopped. Carried.

The following bills presented out of order were allowed:

Dr. Pedlar, vaccination, $14.
Dr. J. L. Maupin, vaccination, $74.
L. Burks, vaccine points, $71.50.
Baker & Colson, vaccine points, $2.

Suspended Driver Best asked that he be allowed a full month's salary, as was done in the case of A. C. Crossman, driver of No. 1. No action was taken regarding Mr. Best's request.

City Engineer Etter's request for $12 office rent was denied.

BEST'S INVESTIGATION.

Driver Best said that he wanted what money was coming to him because he wished to leave the city. His bill for the time he was in service was allowed. He remarked that he could not see any use in an investigation of the charges against him, and Fahey advised him that he would better take what money was coming to him.

On motion of Alford the act of Chief Walton in suspending Best was approved, and Best was thereupon dismissed from the department.

The board adjourned until Thursday night at 7 o'clock.

SUPERIOR COURT NOTES.

Cases Called Before Judge Harris Yesterday.

Yesterday was law and motion day in department one of the superior court and the following matters were disposed of by Judge Harris:

F. G. Berry vs. A. B. Butler; argument of cause continued till February 16.

W. S. Chapman vs. T. E. Hughes; court fixes time for settlement of statement January 14, 10 a.m.

G. A. Noble vs. J. E. Hughes; motion to dismiss motion for a new trial denied.

W. H. McKenzie vs. J. W. Ferguson; demurrer to complaint overruled and ten days to answer.

J. F. Morgan vs. J. M. Martin; plaintiff take nothing by action and judgment for defendant for costs; twenty days' stay.

Laura J. Hildreth, admx., vs. J. G. James; demurrer to amended complaint sustained.

Laura J. Hildreth et al. vs. J. G. James; plaintiff's motion to strike out defendant's answer to amended complaint; denied.

E. F. Thompson vs. Cora E. Thompson; continued by consent till January 28.

Jacob H. Grider vs. Elmyra E. Grider; cause set for trial for January 10.

Alice A. Church vs. George E. Church; ordered transferred to department two.

N. Rosenthal vs. H. J. Prewitt et al.; demurrer to amended complaint taken under advisement.

Donahoo, Emmons & Co. vs. M. Ferrill; demurrer sustained and plaintiff given ten days to amend.

George F. Church vs. John J. Reither; demurrer overruled and defendant given ten days to answer.

A. A. Woodruff vs. S. E. Caldwell et al.; demurrer overruled and ten days to answer.

Thomas H. O'Brien vs. New Zealand Insurance company; demurrer overruled and ten days to answer.

Emma A. Todd et al. vs. Joseph Spinney; demurrer overruled and ten days to answer.

James Shea et al. vs. S. Zetz; continued till January 9.

Sarah F. Jackson vs. M. C. Davison et al; demurrer argued and hearing continued till January 9.

Birdenia F. Stephenson vs. W. M. Stephenson; continued till January 9.

Cora E. Grady vs. A. N. Grady; by consent cause fixed for trial for January 10.

W. H. McKenzie et al. vs. A. D. Baring et al.; hearing of motion for change of venue continued.

THE LA FRANCE

Alleged to Be an Inferior Engine Compared to Others.

The representative of Clapp & Jones, the lowest bidder on fire engines before the council last night, called at The Republican editorial rooms last night and made the following offer:

"I will put up $250 against $250 of the La France people that I will bring a Clapp & Jones engine to Fresno and engage in a trial with the La France engine that cost the city $4700. I will wager this $250 that the Clapp & Jones engine will get up 100 pounds working pressure quicker and will handle more water and throw it farther than the La France can, the winner to donate the winnings to the firemen's fund.

"I would much rather be a defeated competitor than the president of the Fresno city council."

Another gentleman said that the Triangle could have saved money by buying a second-class La France engine from the city of Stockton for but little more than one-half of $4700, and that a La France engine has never been sold for so high a price anywhere else than in Fresno.

THE I. Q.'s

Give a Pleasant Party at W. R. Thomas'.

A very enjoyable social was given by the I. Q. club on New Year's eve at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Thomas. The evening was whiled away with euchre and dancing, and at 11 o'clock an appetizing collation was served. The company feasted until the entrance of the new year, when they wished one another the compliments of the season and then dispersed. There were present:

Misses Betty and Mary Maupin, Mary, Agnes and Fanny Helm, McDonald, Martin, Staratt, Kate Parsons, Harrell; Messrs. Harry and Mont Thomas, Frank Homan, Wick Parsons, Ike Harris, Robert Lawson, Dr. Maupin, E. A. Walrond, Hal Froman, Will Harvey, Reed of Woodland, Bert Warner and others.

STREET CAR IMPROVEMENT.

Faster Time Will be Made for the Public Accommodation.

C. L. Walter has leased the Belmont avenue and the J street car lines and will shortly inaugurate many desired improvements.

Instead of the half hour car on the Belmont avenue line and on the J street line he proposes to run a car every twenty minutes. This will be a great convenience to the traveling public and there is no doubt that the cars will be better patronized under the new administration than heretofore.

Heretofore the J street car has been laid off at noon and in the early evening to allow the driver to take his meals, but this delay will now be avoided by having an extra driver to take the place of the regular driver while he is at his meals.

Half hour trips will be made on the Belmont line from 7 to 9 p.m., instead of hourly trips as heretofore. If the new experiment succeeds Mr. Walter will inaugurate fifteen minute trips on both roads.

It is his intention also to extend the J street line a short distance up Forthcamp avenue.

During the past half-century—since the discovery of Ayer's Sarsaparilla—the average limit of human life in civilized countries, has been considerably lengthened. Ayer's Sarsaparilla is everywhere considered the standard blood-purifier, the superior medicine.*

Charles A. Dworack of Madera had business in Fresno yesterday.

PUBLIC PLUNDER.

Indignation Against the Unscrupulous Triangle.

BLEEDING THE TAXPAYERS

How Golden Silence Was Awarded a Contract—Evidences of Jobbery.

The action of the Triangle in paying $500 more for a fire engine than it was worth has been generally commented upon and condemned by the taxpayers. Those who have been interviewed upon the subject say that they can see no reason why the public funds should be squandered, and why such unbusinesslike methods should prevail.

The engines offered at a lower price were of equal grade with the one selected, and in fact it is claimed that either the Clapp & Jones engine, which could be had for $500 less, or the Amoskeag, whose bid was $275 less, was a better machine than the La France.

Much speculation has been indulged in as to the reason why the Triangle preferred to award the contract by secret ballot. There was no necessity for secrecy at all. The people have the right to know what their servants are doing, and they have a right to be furnished with reasons why their money should be thrown away recklessly by the officials whom they have selected to manage the affairs of the city.

The general impression is that the Triangle are permeated with the spirit of boodleism. This impression may not be founded on truth, but the fact remains that the Triangle have surrounded themselves with a chain of circumstantial evidence and peculiar coincidences sufficient to warrant a grand jury in indicting them for misappropriating the public moneys. Cases are by no means rare where men have been convicted on evidence no stronger than is afforded by the official acts of the Triangle.

Not more than a month ago the contract for paving the gutters with bitumen was let to a company whose bid was $1000 higher than that of the unsuccessful bidder. One of the reasons given by Trustee Alford for moving that the higher bid be accepted was that "there was but little difference between the bids anyhow." The difference between the bids may have appeared very small in the eyes of the Triangle, but in the eyes of the taxpayers and viewed in the light of principle, the difference is large enough to amount to a crime. It was noted as a significant fact at the time that the Triangle carefully refrained from mentioning the difference in dollars and cents between the bids.

BIDS WERE OF NO CONSEQUENCE.

There is an unwritten history connected with the award of the city advertising and job printing contracts. The Republican presented the lowest bid on advertising and the Central Californian was the lowest bidder on job printing.

When the advertising bids were read in the council, Trustee Alford announced that The Republican's offer was the lowest. Shortly after that meeting and while the awarding of the contract was in abeyance William Glass advertising manager of The Republican, called upon Boss Fahey and offered to show him by figures based on the city advertising for the whole of the year 1892 that the work would be done under The Republican contract cheaper than under the bid offered by the other newspapers. To all of which the Boss replied:

"Of course it don't make any difference about lower or higher. We can give the contract to The Republican if we like."

THE NOD TO A BLIND HORSE.

Mr. Glass and the Boss walked into the Boss' Front street hotel and Fahey continued:

"Why can't The Republican let up on this dam abuse?"

"I have nothing to do with the news columns of The Republican," replied Mr. Glass, "and I do not know anything regarding its management editorially or locally. I am in the business office of the paper, and I have no more to do with the utterances of The Republican than you have."

"That's all right," replied Fahey. "You'll get the printing contract all right."

On the next day Mr. Glass informed the Boss that he had left the figures and estimates on the advertising contract with City Clerk Dennett, and that those figures clearly showed that The Republican was the lowest bidder. Fahey again assured Mr. Glass that it was all right.

SILENCE AND DIVISION.

Mr. Glass afterwards called upon Trustee Alford, and Alford informed him that he had investigated the bids, and that the bid of The Republican was the lowest, "but," added Alford with refreshing frankness, "if we can figure the Expositor as the lowest we will give it to the Expositor, BECAUSE THE EXPOSITOR HAS KEPT ITS MOUTH SHUT."

The Expositor was awarded the contract.

THE PARTY OF THE SECOND PART.

The bids on job printing were never read in the board, the alleged reason being that the members did not understand the technical expressions of the printer's craft. The bids were referred to Street Superintendent Jones with instructions to report at the next meeting.

Then something happened in the nature of circumstantial evidence. Last Saturday evening Mart Thomas, who had been employed as the Expositor's pressman for several years, was handed a check for his week's wages and was informed that his services were no longer required. A brother of Street Superintendent Jones was employed as pressman in Mr. Thomas' place.

Superintendent Jones presented his report at the council meeting last Tuesday evening. There was not a figure or an estimate in it. Mr. Jones said that he had carefully examined the bids, that he found that the Expositor's bid was higher on some things than the Californian's bid and on some other things the reverse was the case. It was his unbiased judgment, however, that the Expositor had better facilities for doing the work. Whereupon the Triangle unanimously, and Church and Herrington also unanimously, awarded the contract to the Expositor.

The Central Californian is the organ of the Populists in this part of the state. Mr. Church was nominated for the district attorneyship by the Populists and was indorsed by the Republicans and on this account there was much dissatisfaction at the People's Party headquarters yesterday. Those of the leading Populists who talked about the matter at all said that they did not desire any favors for their organ; all they wanted was justice. They contended that the bid of the Central Californian was the lowest and that the contract should have been awarded accordingly. They were ready to put up any kind of a bond for the proper performance of the work.

NOT PRIVATE BUSINESS.

Things like the foregoing do not need comment, any more than a blackbird needs retouching with India ink. It may be said fittingly and truthfully that Alford does not buy or sell his beef cattle in that unbusinesslike way; that Fahey does not purchase the supplies for his hotel with so little regard for weights, measures and prices, and that Mr. Cole never did, never does, and never will conduct his own private business in such a slipshod manner.

But public business is a different matter. Then somebody else's ox is hoisted by the belligerent horn. This $1000 so gracefully presented to the bitumen contractor did not belong to the Triangle and will not unless the contractor sees fit to express his gratitude by presenting the money as a gift to the Triangle. Similarly the $500 which they donated to Mr. Hayes in addition to the fair market price of a fire engine was not the property of the Triangle and will not be unless Mr. Hayes should be kind enough to make them a New Year's gift of that sum.

WORK FOR THE GRAND JURY.

The grand jury has made an investigation into the irregularities connected with the reconstruction of the court house. It should investigate the work of the Triangle and inquire why the paving contract and the contract for furnishing a fire engine were awarded to the highest bidders, involving a loss of $1500 to the taxpayers within the short period of one month. If the highest bidders are to be preferred, the advertising for proposals should be abolished as a hollow mockery.

The grand jury might learn something of great advantage to the taxpayers by inquiring into the motive behind the secret ballot for the purchase of the fire engine.

THE GENUINE TRIANGLE BRAND.

Were the Triangle afraid to show their hand? They certainly failed of their purpose, for as soon as the result is declared—three votes for the La France engine—every man in the community knows that those votes were cast by the Triangle.

Who else of the board could have been guilty of such an outrage upon the taxpayers? The combination that robbed the treasury of $1000 on the paving contract could not help falling under the suspicion of bleeding the treasury of $500 on the fire engine purchase. It was not necessary for Fahey to declare that he voted for the La France nor for Cole to remonstrate against the protest of Church.

It is to be hoped, now that the Expositor has secured the printing contracts for this year, that that newspaper will take up the manly fight against corruption that it laid down early in the last campaign, and assist The Republican in condemning the reckless squandering of the city's funds by the Triangle. If, however, the Expositor should choose rather to linger on the grassy sward of peace and contentment with its serenity undisturbed by the plundering of the city treasury, The Republican will be able to continue the fight alone in the future as it has done in the past, regardless of all considerations save for the rights of the people as against the usurpations and encroachments of their servants, the officials.

OLEANDER.

The Party That Went South to Pick Oranges.

From The Republican's Special Correspondent.

Oleander, January 3.—The delegation sent from here to Los Angeles county a short time ago to harvest the orange crop has been heard from. The members are now in a busted, or semi-busted condition, owing to the fact that picking has not yet commenced. They are still hopeful, however, and if hopes are fattening, their financial condition should not interfere with their existence.

Professor Palmer, who preceded the delegation, is now expert electrician for the Los Angeles Electric Light company, and may be in a flourishing condition, but presents a negative electrode to his hygone backer, "Doc" Langley, when Doc refers to that small account. "Doc" has switched off from wild hogs to geese and coyotes, as he considers the pursuit of these more elevating.

It is rumored that Sontag and Evans stopped at a ranch three miles south of here sometime within the past week, and after consuming all that was eatable, tacked up a paper thanking the owner for his unconscious hospitality, and left without leaving their future address. Suspicion points to several prominent citizens who left with a hungry look on their countenances and returned with distended vests and a smile of contentment around each mobile mouth.

It is rather unkind to lay all depredations to the only two men in the country who have been able to keep even with the Southern Pacific, but that is the way it goes—no one is appreciated.

Business is a little quiet here just now, but it is not always so. The packing houses are closed after long runs, and the inhabitants are enjoying a well-earned rest. SUM WON.

D. T. FOWLER

Appointed Superintendent of the Fresno Exhibit at Chicago.

The Fresno County World's Fair commission yesterday appointed D. T. Fowler superintendent of the Fresno county exhibit at Chicago. He will be allowed his fare both ways, and a salary of $200 a month. George A. Wilson was the opposing candidate, and was defeated by two votes.

Mr. Fowler thoroughly understands the needs of Fresno county. He is the chairman of the executive committee of the California State Raisin Growers' association, county lecturer of the Farmers' alliance, and president of the Farmers' Institute. His appointment will give general satisfaction.

THE SUPERVISORS.

ORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD YESTERDAY.

F. F. Letcher Elected Chairman. The County Physician Matter Considered.

The board of supervisors met yesterday afternoon, with the two newly elected members, F. P. Wickersham and J. H. Sayre in their seats. They succeeded T. C. White and W. F. Hanke respectively.

The first business of the board was reorganization for the ensuing year. Supervisor Myer proposed Supervisor Letcher for chairman and he was unanimously elected. Chairman Letcher then made a few remarks about the work before the board and suggested that they work under the old rules. The following committees were appointed:

Finance committee—Jake Myer, chairman; F. P. Wickersham, J. H. Sayre.

Committee on court house, jail and park—B. B. Butler, chairman; J. H. Sayre, F. P. Wickersham.

Hospital committee—F. F. Letcher, chairman; Jake Myer, J. H. Sayre.

The matter of fixing the salary of the county physician received some consideration and a decided step in the direction of economy was taken, the supervisors concluding not to pay more than $2000 per annum for the services of a county physician.

The matter will come up again today, when the board will elect a successor to Dr. Leach, whose term has expired, and decide upon some definite compensation. There are quite a number of doctors who would be very willing to succeed Dr. Leach, but it is not known whom the board favors.

On motion of Supervisor Butler J. F. Forney was elected justice of the peace of the Ninth judicial township. This township was recently created by the board for the convenience of the people of Kingsburg and surrounding country. The court of the new justice will be held at Kingsburg.

THE CITY COUNCIL.

High School Bond Money Ordered Returned.

THE BANK TAXES REMITTED

Judgment Allowed Against the City. The Street Lighting Contract.

Alford was the only member of the city council absent from last evening's meeting.

APPLICATION FOR A STAR.

A petition was received from ex-Jailer George L. Moore, asking to be appointed a policeman. The petition was filed.

THE LIGHTING CONTRACT.

Cole read two propositions submitted on behalf of the gas and electric light company, offering to light the city for the coming year at an increase upon last year's price.

Mr. Decker of the company explained that the propositions were intended as a bid.

Attention was called to the fact that the bid was not sealed.

Fahey moved to rescind the resolution passed at the last meeting instructing the city attorney to draw an ordinance calling for a special election for the issue of bonds for lighting and watering the city. It would be necessary to readvertise for bids because the bid of the Electric light company had not been presented at the date specified in the advertisement for proposals, and it was not sealed, as provided for in the advertisement.

The motion prevailed, and the clerk was authorized to readvertise for bids.

BANK DEPOSITS ESCAPE TAXATION.

W. W. Phillips of the Farmer's Bank addressed the board and announced that to his knowledge many of the depositors of money in the bank had already paid their taxes on their deposits. He did not believe that the banks should be assessed on their deposits, these deposits being owed by the banks to their customers. He therefore presented a resolution whereby the board agreed to allow judgment in favor of the banks in the injunction suits, the banks agreeing to pay the costs.

Fahey said that there was no bank in the state of California where such an imposition had been placed upon it by the authorities as to tax it on its deposits.

On motion of Fahey the resolution was unanimously adopted.

HIGH SCHOOL BONDS.

Mr. Tarrill, representative of Hayes & Sons, addressed the council and said that on investigating the matter of the high school bonds he found that his principals would not be able to collect the interest on the bonds, and he therefore proposed to release the city from all liability on condition that $2034.70, the accrued interest up to the time of the purchase of the bonds, and $520, the commission of the city treasurer, both of which sums had been transferred from bond fund No. 5 to the general fund, should be returned to the bond fund.

Hayes & Sons on receipt of $52,034.70 would give the city a clear release from all damages that may have been sustained by them.

On motion of Church the city treasurer was instructed to pay to Hayes & Sons $50,000 on the return of the bonds, and the city clerk was requested to draw a warrant in favor of Hayes & Sons for $2034.70, the interest accrued up to the time of the purchase of the bonds.

The board adjourned until Monday evening, January 16th.

FRESNO TO THE SEA

The Railroad Project to be Realized.

MEETING HELD AT MONTEREY

Colonel A. W. Jones Submits His New Plan Which Meets With General Favor.

The people at Monterey are pushing the Monterey-Fresno railroad project with vigor. They have great faith in the scheme and are doing more than their share toward bringing it to a successful issue. The people of that city held a meeting the other night to consider the latest developments in the project. The following account of the meeting, somewhat condensed, is taken from the Monterey Cypress:

H. A. Greene, the Monterey banker, was the first speaker. He said that a provision of the state law had been discovered which precluded the possibility of carrying the enterprise to a successful conclusion on the lines previously agreed upon. That provision was that two-thirds of the stock shall be subscribed before incorporation. In view of this it would be impossible to proceed under the agreement that only 10 per cent of the stock should be paid in, and therefore the plan had been abandoned. There was between $3000 and $4000 in the several banks that had been paid in on this account. This would all be refunded to the stockholders at once. There was, however, another plan—and a better one—by which the road could be built and he would call upon Colonel A. W. Jones of Kansas City to explain it.

Letters were then read from the Kansas City Water Works company, the president of the United States Express company, the International Banking and Loan company, and the First National Bank of Kansas City, all of whom spoke of Colonel Jones in the highest terms.

Colonel Jones was then introduced. He said he had been in correspondence for some time with certain of our citizens and also with others at various points along the proposed line and had learned sufficient to convince him that the project was one of great merit—of such merit, indeed, that he had felt it worth coming 2000 miles to look at it. And since his arrival he had learned such new facts that he was absolutely astonished to find such wonderful possibilities for a great development lying dormant. With the construction of the Nicaragua canal Monterey would be the nearest seaport to it, with the exception of San Diego, and San Diego has no productive country behind it, while Monterey has the great San Joaquin valley, the most fertile and productive spot in the whole United States.

"I am here to look over this enterprise from a business and commercial standpoint," he continued. "If you will take hold of this matter with a will I can raise you all the money necessary to build your railroad. I am fascinated with the great prospects of this enterprise. If the San Joaquin valley turns one-tenth of her products over this road into the lap of Monterey, what is to become of Monterey? Instead of Minneapolis shipping 5000 barrels of flour a day across the continent and by way of Panama to the South American countries, why don't Monterey? When Liverpool vessels come through the Nicaragua canal and can save not only distance, but vast expense by coming to Monterey instead of going to San Francisco, we can shake our fists in the face of San Francisco without fear of getting our jaw slapped in return.

"More than 66 per cent of the products of the San Joaquin valley will come this way. Visalia wants the road to to come here; Bakersfield expresses a determination to connect with it; Madera wants a branch line. Now, the first question investors ask is, 'How do the people feel along the line of the road?' If I can say here is a bonus and franchises amounting to $750,000 that the people give to get the road, investors will be sure of their interest and will not hesitate at such an investment. Do this, give your guarantee for these subscriptions, right of way, water front privileges, etc., and I'll come to you in a week or ten days with the company organized and bring you the money, and before the flowers bloom in May I'll break dirt on the Monterey & Fresno railroad. We don't want the people of Monterey, San Benito and Fresno to subscribe for $1 of capital stock. Give all you can as a donation or bonus, and we don't want a dollar of that money until we give you value received. Thirty days after the road is completed, equipped and running, you will pay the money you now agree to, and not before. The company will also bind themselves to keep it an independent line. In conclusion I may say the situation is just this: If you'll make the donation I'll bring the money and you'll get your road. If you don't, it can't be done. Will Monterey do her duty towards this project?"

Several prominent Montereyans followed Colonel Jones, all speaking strongly in favor of the project and promising it their support. The Colonel's plan received their hearty indorsement. Contributions were then called for and in a few minutes $16,000 had been subscribed. In answer to a question Colonel Jones stated that a regular contract would be entered into between the company and the contributors to begin work within a stipulated time and push it with all reasonable speed continuously, and complete it within a specified time; the contributions to be payable thirty days after the road is completed from Monterey to Fresno, operated and advertising for freight and traffic.

Enthusiastic meetings have also been held at Salinas and Hollister, and it now appears as if the project would certainly be carried out.

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In the Great Sale at the Poor Man's Friend.

People who have visited the Poor Man's Friend stores during the past few days have been industriously spreading the news about the wonderfully low prices prevailing at these stores during the great annual clearance sale. The effect of this has been to bring others to the sale and yesterday more people crowded into the stores than on any previous day of the sale.

People appreciate bargains nowadays and they can be had at the Poor Man's Friend, 1027, 1029 and 1031 I street. The sale will continue until the entire present stock is closed out. *

That other ear will surely go deaf if you do not immediately consult the competent specialists, Drs. Brown & Harris, at 1745 Mariposa street. *

See the fine display of nursery stock of Long Bros. & Co.' J street. *

These eye symptoms may be the direct forerunner of some serious organic disease. Go and consult those reliable specialists, Drs. Brown & Harris, 1745 Mariposa street. They are regular physicians and surgeons, possessing merit and ability that are arousing the ire of certain over officious and jealous local lights. *

Specimen Cases.

S. H. Clifford, New Castle, Wis., was troubled with neuralgia and rheumatism, his stomach was disorded, his liver was affected to an alarming degree, appetite fell away, and he was terribly reduced in flesh and strength. Three bottles of Electric Bitters cured him.

Edward Shepherd, Harrisburg, Ill., had a running sore on his leg of eight year's standing. Used three bottles of Electric Bitters and seven boxes of Bucklen's Arnica Salve, and his leg is sound and well. John Speaker, Catawba, O., had five large fever sores on his leg, doctors said he was incurable. One bottle of Electric Bitters and one box of Bucklen's Arnica Salve cured him entirely.

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STRUCK BY A TRAIN.

Accident to R. McCapes, Formerly of Centerville.

Another serious accident occurred in the Tulare railroad yard last evening, whereby Ransom McCapes, an old resident of this county and for some time a citizen of Tulare city, was dangerously, if not fatally, hurt says the Tulare Register. He now lies at his home with his left leg and his right arm broken, one shoulder blade broken, his head badly cut and with painful bruises in other parts of his body.

The accident occurred on the Kern street crossing at about 6:30 in the evening. It was somewhat foggy at the time and McCapes evidently miscalculated the distance and the speed of the train. The strongest feature of the affair is that, being struck, he was not instantly killed, for those who saw the train state that it was going at a good rate.

E. M. Dewey saw McCapes just before the accident. He says: "I was coming up after my mail and as I reached the Kern street crossing I saw a train approaching. I saw that I could make the crossing and I hastened over. Just as I reached the east side, or a moment after, I met a man hurrying to cross in advance of the train. I thought nothing of it, because I believed he had time to get across, but a moment later I heard a cry and the train came to a sudden standstill. I hesitated for a moment and, hearing nothing further, concluded that the sound I had heard was the shout of a train man, and went on after my mail. As I came back I heard McCapes had been struck. The train was going at a pretty good speed, but the bell was ringing."

Fred Cotton arrived at the scene before the unfortunate man had been removed. He states that McCapes was lying from 35 to 40 feet south of the crossing and in front of the warehouse, having evidently been knocked or carried to that distance by the pilot. He was lying very close to the main line with his knees doubled up and his feet pointing toward the track. Had he straightened his legs his feet would have been cut off. McCapes muttered some inarticulate words as they placed him on an improvised stretcher, which sounded like an inquiry as to how the accident had occurred.

The wounded man was conveyed to his home and Doctors Shannon, Alford, Tyler and Pace were summoned to attend him. His limbs were placed in splints and he was made as comfortable as possible on the stretcher, upon which he remained during the night.

Miss Ida Lazarus of San Francisco is visiting Mrs. Louis Heringhi.

W. H. Taylor, a Bakersfield business man, was in Fresno yesterday.

Ex-Senator J. W. Bones returned from San Francisco yesterday.

Frank Schneider of Sioux Falls, S.D., is spending a few days in Fresno.

Miss Gertrude Burk of Sanger is the guest of Albert Smith, South K street.

L. J. Mitchell of the Grand Central studio went to Madera on business yesterday.

E. E. Vincent, of the Madera Mercury, came down to see the English girls last evening.

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THE COUNTY JOBBED

Statement From a Grand Jury Expert.

THE FRAUD LAID WIDE OPEN

Some Facts and Figures That the Supervisors' Experts Did Not Report on.

EDITOR REPUBLICAN.—Will you give me a little space in your columns for a few remarks concerning the report of experts on the court house.

I do not intend to dwell much on this report as a whole. Out of the fifteen questions asked by the supervisors only three are mentioned in our report.

By the way, can't you see the ear marks of one of the experts in the preparation of those questions?

1—The semi-circular arch is lavatory. We have given the public our opinion on this and it needs no further comments.

2—The tower is a great deal worse than we made it and in this the committee has, I think, gone too far. The walls of the old building are not considered safe by these experts. These walls can be strengthened at a small cost so that they will be doubly secure.

3—The granite, we are given to understand, is all that is necessary. This is very smooth, a good deal smoother than the granite is. Is it not necessary that Fresno should have as good granite as any county in the state, when it is all within her borders? If this expert, John Wright, is of the firm of Wright & Landers, architects, he would not allow such stone to go in a building of his.

The question of workmanship is entirely ignored both in the questions and in the report. Who is this committee of experts? We do not know if Mr. Wright is of the firm of Wright & Landers or not. Mr. Ottwell, if we are not misinformed, is the gentleman who Mr. Curlett says was employed by him to make those revised drawings for the iron work. Such being the case, we could not expect anything but a favorable report from him on this part of the work.

Mr. Swartz, the present superintendent for the county, is also one of these experts. He stated in the presence of our committee and two other gentlemen that he had figured the trusses and after all allowances he had a margin of about thirty-five tons, and now he signs a report condemning everything, even the walls of the old building. But I guess the old maxim may be shot at us: "Wise men change; fools never."

I will say now once for all I am not afraid of any very great change in our estimates if those making them are sworn and as closely examined as we were. I suppose I may be allowed the privilege of criticising those experts' action without its being a criminal offense? It does seem that the only object aimed at in this report is to belittle our report. In the case of the tower the workmanship and material are so glaringly faulty that whitewash is of no use and of course they had to look for or imagine some new defects.

If the work on the new building is done anywhere near as well as it was on the old the taxpayers would be very thankful indeed. In preparing these questions the architect seems to have so firmly fixed the words "improvement" and "modern" in the minds of those preparing them that it is very prominent indeed. Let us see how modern this work is.

Rolled beams and hollow tiles were used in England in the year 1846 in a model lodging house by Henry Roberts, and were extensively used in 1851. Do Mr. Curlett and company consider Fresno an isolated place, where news and architecture literature are not obtained? Do they think there is no talent at all in the building line in Fresno? Then everything is to be imported. If the rule will apply in this case it will in others, and we would better begin by importing a few supervisors if the duty is not too high. Fresno need not feel very proud of the work done in the building line by imported builders.

Mr. Curlett in his report, as he saw fit to call it, seems to think that we laid a good deal of stress on the erasures on the tracings, and so we did or at least we intended to. If as Mr. Curlett would insinuate the erasures were made prior to Mr. Swartz being appointed Mr. Swartz should have reported it to the supervisors at once. It is not my purpose to charge any particular person with having done this for I do not know who did it. Mr. Curlett says that there are blue prints on the ground that are not defaced and refers to Mr. Swartz to verify his statement. This is all very well now. But when we asked Mr. Swartz how it was done or if he could tell what was there, he replied rather gruffly that he knew nothing about it, and did not intimate at all that there was a blue print in fact. And when I went out with the full intention of interviewing Mr. Davis' foreman at the works on the building and I got a very short salutation and a good straight view of his back. We were left all alone after that and our report is based entirely on our observation and judgment. We borrowed nothing.

As regards the blue prints in possession of the committee, I can probably save Mr. Curlett the expense of a search warrant. I will say that I have them. I took them from the tracings on file in the court house on a clear sunny day, not in the dark as Mr. Curlett would have you believe, and simply to get the iron and steel estimate from other places than San Francisco, which I did from two firms in the east, one at Chicago and one in Philadelphia. By so doing I was able to lower my estimate $1000 with safety. If it is absolutely necessary for any one to see the bids I can produce them. For Mr. Curlett's benefit I will give my address, 826 P street, Fresno, Cal. What I do is done openly and above board, and I have no apology to offer at all and care nothing for Mr. Curlett's insinuations, as they will not hurt anybody.

I will say that there was not a member of the grand jury that was at all aware that I had a blue print, and very few in Fresno and probably at that time not an individual in this county, could have called to mind that I had said I had them.

Mr. Curlett defines the word architect correctly. But, if mechanics will do as he is doing, put up and tear down, we call them cut and try men and do not give the title of mechanics at all.

Any architect worthy of the name would not allow such wholesale changes in his plans under any circumstances.

Mr. Curlett comes here, takes up his plan, calls it all right, says it is accurate, carefully figured and, in fact, not an error in it, and now you see all is changed and he even tries to throw the blame on the board of supervisors. He says, "Well, you had a superintendent and all this, and it is your fault, not mine."

Mr. Curlett says that our report is all one-sided. Well, it is nearly so; it cannot be otherwise and give the county any justice at all. He charges that we deal in imaginary values. Well, that may be so from his standpoint, when he deducts from material that is very cheap and labor that is worth nothing. When he adds to the same material the value rises wonderfully and labor is very expensive. He does not tell you that hollow tile can be delivered f.o.b. Fresno for 12½ cents per square foot.

We made all allowance for additions but one, and that is very clearly set forth in our second report, and that is stone and cement cornice worth $8700 and we made no estimate of galvanized iron.

As regards Mr. Curlett's charge that the committee were actuated by jealousy, disappointment and spleen I have answered this once before and it needs no comment at this time.

As to being kind to Mr. Curlett, he would not accept a kind word when offered, for he goes on and virtually condemns the brick because we call it good.

One word more regarding those erasures. You will see we have sworn that we found these erasures and I do not think I need say any more about them now.

H. W. DOWNING,
Of the Committee of Grand Jury Experts.

THE GRADY CASE.

A. N. Grady Files an Answer and Cross Complaint.

A. N. Grady has filed an answer and cross complaint to the petition for a divorce of Cora E. Grady.

He denies that he treated the plaintiff in a cruel and inhuman manner and declares he conducted himself towards her as a faithful and loving husband.

He denies having on November 10th, seized her violently by the arm or any other part of her anatomy and called her a street walker and other vile names.

Defendant says moreover that he did not, as alleged by plaintiff, falsely state she had been intimate with other men and did not deny the paternity of their children. He denies that he ever threatened or attempted to kill or poison plaintiff.

After denying several other alleged acts of cruelty, such as beating and kicking plaintiff and drawing a pistol on her, defendant alleges that on December 20, 1892, plaintiff committed adultery with one Mr. Ratto. He alleges further that in March, 1892, plaintiff committed adultery with a person unknown to defendant. Defendant says he is a fit and proper person to care for their children and asks for their custody.

Yesterday Attorney W. R. Jacobs, of Goucher & Jacobs, filed the answer of Mrs. Grady to Grady's cross complaint. She makes a general and specific denial of the charges contained therein.

BRAVE KNIGHTS

GAVE A SUCCESSFUL ENTERTAINMENT

In Which Fair Ladies Ably Assisted.

A Trial by an Amateur Jury.

The much talked of military and operatic entertainment for the benefit of Wawona division No. 1, Second regiment, uniform rank K. of P., came off in the Barton opera house last night. The audience was large and very select, a majority of the most fashionable people in the city being present.

Stanton L. Carter opened the entertainment with an address, in which he eulogized the order and complimented the Fresno Knights of Pythias on the splendid showing they made.

Captain R. R. Murray then treated the audience to a well executed sword drill by a squad of thirty-five men. It is difficult to say whether the men deserve the more credit for the way they went through the exercises, or whether the captain should have the greater praise for the manner in which he drilled his men. The audience did not make any discrimination, applauding the commander and his squad heartily.

Gilbert and Sullivan's charming comic opera "Trial by Jury" was the next feature.

All the players are local amateurs, but no one except an old theater goer would discover anything amateurish in the acting. Following is the cast of characters:

Judge	Ed White
Defendant	W. P. Lyon
Counsel for Plaintiff	Sidney Platt
Usher	Charles Telter
Foreman of Jury	Charles A. Wainwright
Plaintiff	Mrs. Lydia Warren-Roberts

Grand chorus of thirty voices, consisting of bride-maids, jurymen and spectators.
C. M. Pyke .... Musical Director.

The gentlemen performed their roles successfully, some clever bits of work being done by Messrs. White, Lyon, Platt and Telter.

Charles A. Wainwright, as the foreman of the jury, furnished the humor of the piece, his acting being finished and clever. He received a fragrant cabbage from an admirer.

The first few songs showed a suspicion of stage fright in the voices of some of the actors, but that was forgotten when the members warmed to their work, and carried the choruses with a well-timed swing.

Mr. Pyke's time in training the company was not wasted, as could be seen from the way the singers responded to the motions of his baton.

Mrs. Lydia-Warren Roberts sang in her usual brilliant style and received an encore.

A squad drill by sixteen Knights under command of Captain Murray performed some difficult maneuvers with precision and grace. The forming of the cross, circle and hollow square was neatly done and elicited much applause.

The entertainment closed with tableaux vivants representing scenes on the tented field.

In one of the tableaux, a frightened sentinel was to discharge his piece, the camp was to be aroused and a private, who was out on a foraging expedition, was to ride into camp on horseback. The sentinel performed his part well as did the aroused army, but Private Burks who was to ride in on a foaming charger did not put in an appearance. The reason for this was that the horse he was to ride was stolen from the alley where it was tied until it should be needed. Mr. Burke, however, by the exercise of great generalship, got a mule from a street car and came in before the soldiers got too weary waiting.

This singing of Major Scott and his war scarred veterans was one of the features of the tableau.

At the conclusion of the entertainment the Knights held a banquet in the Pythian castle The volunteers who so kindly assisted in making the entertainment a success were given a banquet in the city bakery by the gallant Knights.

THE SUPERVISORS

Consider Certain Changes in the Court House Additions.

The supervisors met yesterday and considered the changes in the plans and specifications of the court house additions.

It was decided that the original plans and specifications be followed in the matter of the lavatories. In the matter of the hollow tile partitions Curlett's estimate was $309 and Smilie's $375.

For the omission of gates in the open courts Contractor Smilie agreed to allow $180. As for the granite work on the front steps Smilie denied allowance in toto. The iron work and other matters will be considered this morning.

The first week of the New Year is observed by most evangelical churches through out the world as a week of special prayer. It is being observed this week at the Presbyterian church with special services, the first service held last evening was an interesting one. The topic for this evening is "Prayer for a Deeper Spirit of Love and Brotherhood in the Church of God."

An information has been filed by the district attorney charging Morris O. Ratto with an assault with intent to commit murder. The alleged crime was committed on December 20th, A. N Grady being the person who was assaulted.

FIRE LADIES BALL.

Brilliant Scene in Armory Hall Last Night.

MANY ORIGINAL COSTUMES

The Triangle Ironically Personified. Evans and Sontag Were There Also.

The Triangle was on top last night.

On top of the maccaroni in the big soup tureen.

It was the third annual masquerade ball given by the Fresno Volunteer Fire department (the ouls), and the Triangle, represented by three ladies, led the grand march last night in Armory hall, and created a sensation.

The ladies wore pink gowns with triangles of brass for ornaments. Each held a genuine triangle in her hand and played upon it during the grand march.

SONTAG AND EVANS.

Sontag and Evans were there also, with their boots encased in gunny sacks to hide their tracks. They were armed, one with a double barreled shotgun and the other with a cut-off blunderbuss. Each carried two Colt's revolvers, navy size, in his belt, and they walked back to back to guard against surprise, Sontag limping painfully along.

There was a hunter also, who snapped caps and picked up dead rabbits—real rabbits by the way.

An Italian organ grinder with Mrs. Berry's monkey, who responds to the name of Grady, acted his part with great fidelity.

A nun who refused to dance or to walk with a male escort, for religious reasons, faithfully acted her part and with downcast eyes read a French breviary.

There were Negroes and Chinamen and Princes of the style of 100 years ago, and fairies and flower girls and sailors and the Lord only knows what else, the whole forming an animated tableau of bewildering hues and kaleidoscopic designs.

A GREAT CROWD.

The floor was crowded with maskers and the spectator's gallery did not contain even standing room. The affair was a success in every way, in point of numbers and quality and the excellent order which prevailed. The members of the department wore a uniform of dark pantaloons, scarlet shirts white caps and enameled belts.

The reception committee were H. Z. Austin, William Puleston, J. W. Smith, H. P. Black and G. M. Braderick.

Jo P. Carroll of Visalia, who knows and is known by everybody in five counties, made an efficient floor director. His assistants were W. R. Williams, A. M. Loper, Moise Rorphuro, E. L. Bouton, W. H. Knapp, George Stevens, Harry Wilson, L. P. Timmins, W. F. Leavitt and G. L. Adams.

The dancing card was in the form of an equilateral triangle, an ironical tribute of respect to the dominant power in the city government.

The following were among those present:

J. De la Fontaine, tramp.
J. O. Troutt, honest rancher.
Miss Edwards and Miss Georgie Buck, fairies.
Misses Jennie and Della Rojas, sailors.
Miss Mary Duncan represented a firebug. She was dressed in black and carried a firebrand in her hand.
W. W. Hill, Arabian Prince.
Rita Martin, Armenian girl.
Miss Nannie Phillips, garden girl.
Misses Ambia Phipps and Lizzie Barrett, tambourine girls.
Mrs. Keim, Goddess of Liberty.
Mrs. H. Lawrence, fancy dress.
Miss Birdie Barker, school girl.
Miss Alice Mersich, Fairy.
Miss Annie Mersich, school girl.
Miss Lena Campadonico, a baby with a rattle.
M. Mersich, Spanish officer.
Miss Emma Farris, Little Miss Muffett.
Miss E. Herschell, school girl.
Miss Jennie McMenomy, grandma.
Miss Edna Urban, princess.
George Roehl, clown.
O. P. Wilson, Lord Harvey Unrealestate, the legend of a card carried on his back.
Mark A. Videver, tramp.
Miss Edna Van Meter, sailor girl.
Miss Alice Cole, Spanish senorita.
Miss Rilla Cochran, Queen of May.
Ernest Pickford, Chinaman.
Miss Edith Elam, Topsy.
Roy Woodward, Negro boy.
Mrs. Crawford, fancy dress.
Miss Susie Yager, Morning.
Miss Beatrice McIntosh, Nan the Good for Nothing.
Otis White, the Poor Man's Friend.
Miss Flora Hollenbeck, Sister Martha, the Nun.
J. W. Shanklin, Jockey.
Mrs. J. de La Fontaine, Flower girl.
W. J. Bonnifield, Sioux Chief.
O. A. Sample, Sitting Bull.
Mrs. Magcoe, Butterfly.
Miss Maud Scott, Spanish girl.
Mrs. Dillwood, Orange queen.
S. Hess, Prince.
Miss Emma Shultz, Princess.
Miss Josie Cole, Japanese maiden.
Miss Myrtle Wright, Sailor girl.
George W. Stevens, convict.
John Alvin, Darkey sport.
Frank H. Burdick, Jack the Ripper.
R. C. Dorsey, French count.
John C. Nourse and Truman G. Hart as Michael Moriarty and Mrs. Michael Moriarty.
L. F. Ayers, schoolboy.
Ezra Packard, Rabbit hunter.
John Cureton, Darkey.
Miss E. J. Wright, School girl.
C. M. Maxwell and Thomas Woods, Evans and Sontag.
Thomas Anton, Sailor boy.
Elmer Teach, Yon Yonsen.
Miss Laura Dunlap, fancy dress.
Miss Minnie Lundy, Butterfly.
H. Holland, a live Duke.
Miss Dora Gough, the Bath.
Mrs. J. W. Shanklin, Mrs. Will Barrett, Miss Mamie Phipps, the City Triangle.
Miss Effie Cole, Fairy.
W. K. Cowan, Old Woman.
Mrs. A. E. Lowe, Organ grinder.
Hollis Nelson and Fred Lamond, Washerwomen.
Ed Ervin, Uncle Tom.
Miss Sadie Fletcher, School girl.
Mark Walser, Monk.
Mrs. G. W. Owen, Midnight.
Mrs. J. S. Ludington, Night.
O. J. Woodward, Aunt Dinah.
Hattie Owens, Japanese girl.
Mrs. Perry, School girl.
Miss Keesie Smith, the Belle of Polasky.
O. Smith, Lifeboat man.
Miss F. Barrett, Peasant girl.
Mrs. E. L. Bouton, Spanish senorita.
Professor McCuin, Samanthey Allen.
Miss Della Elder, patchwork.
Miss Corda Stout, Princess.
Miss Sadie Stout, Princess.
Miss Edith Elder, popcorn girl.
Miss Gracie Somers, huntsman.
Mrs. W. K. Somers, woodsman.
William Chrismap, Modoc chief.
E. W. Amos, Mexican cavalier.
E. L. Bouton, organ grinder with live monkey.
Major W. B. Dennett, fat boy.

THE PRIZES.

The committee on prizes made the following awards:

Best dressed lady, Spanish Gypsy, Miss Lyda Martin.

Best dressed gentleman, Spanish dancer, Professor McCuin.

Best sustained lady character, The Nun, Miss Flora Hollenbeck.

Best sustained gentleman character, E. L. Bouton, the organ grinder.

Best original character, lady, Dust Pan, Mrs. Jones.

Best original character, gentleman, Major Dennett.

The ladies who personated the Triangle were presented with a special purse of $15 in cash. Mark Walser made the presentation speech and complimented the ladies highly on the happy idea that they had put into execution.

THE OLIVET PACK.

An Excellent Showing for the Past Season.

The Olivet packing house of Malaga was established in 1885 on a small scale by Eugene H. Gould, for the purpose of packing the raisins from what is now known as the Olivet vineyard, and owned by E. H. Gould.

In the succeeding years Mr. Gould enlarged the packing house and began buying up outside crops, until now the business of the packing house places it in the first rank, while its reputation among eastern brokers is exceeded by none. While a great deal of green and dried fruits is handled through this packing house, it is especially constructed for the packing of raisins. The Olivet packing house is represented in San Francisco by the well known commission house of W. F. Beck & Co., 112 and 114 California street, whose eastern branches in New York, Chicago and Salt Lake city afford especial facilities for the handling of goods on commission. Japan, Australian and New Zealand shipments are quite a feature with them.

The pack of 1892 was as follows:

Muscat layers, lbs.	212,615
Muscat loose	974,752
Total muscats, lbs.	1,187,367
Dried grapes, lbs.	105,527
Seedless Sultanas	70,668
Number of cars already shipped	51
Remaining in packing house in 1893	13

FRESNO'S FINE FRUIT.

Opinion of a Man Who Has Traveled and Seen.

The following is an extract from a letter addressed to THE REPUBLICAN by Dr. Pilkington of San Francisco:

"Permit me, a horticulturist from the north, even from far away Oregon—to express the pleasure which a brief visit to your Fresno County Wold's Fair commission gives me. I am simply astonished at the perfection of your fruits. Many of your apples, pears and prunes, particularly a jar of Hungarian prunes being equal in appearance to the same fruit grown in the land of big red apples.

"That your grapes, apricots, nectarines, olives, peaches and citrus fruits should be fine goes without saying, but that your deciduous fruits should prove fine is indeed a surprise. I have but an hour or two to stay, but three pointers may be briefly emphasized: First—That it is in the infinite variety of your product that it seems to me Fresno fairly leads the sister counties of the south or center state.

"That you produce and successfully, the northern deciduous fruits as well as the semi-tropic citrus, date, fig and cotton is a matter which only needs a wide advertising to give you one of the teeming populations of the world."

NEW YEAR'S DAY.

HOW IT WAS OBSERVED BY FRESNOANS.

A Day of Good Cheer and Sociability—Some Handsome Turnouts.

Yesterday was quite generally observed as a holiday. The banks were closed, as were the public offices. A few business houses kept open part of the day, closing about 2 o'clock in the afternoon. The day was an uneventful one, and there was an unusual absence of gentlemen overcome by good cheer, for which the rather gloomy weather was perhaps responsible.

That the custom of making New Year's calls has still a good hold on the people was sufficiently proved by the large number of people who visited the places where open house was kept. A number of callers made the rounds with considerable pomp and ceremony, going in parties of from three to five, in conveyances. The majority of the callers walked, however.

The ladies who received were fully equal to the occasion and furnished the callers delightful entertainment. They all wore handsome gowns, were as attentive as the most exacting could demand, and proved that the old custom was worth continuing. Delicious refreshments were served at the various places, and the callers were in many instances presented with pretty souvenirs by their hostesses. Wine was served at but few houses. Among the larger calling parties were the following:

Perhaps the most ceremonious turnout was that of the party consisting of Will A. Bean, Dr. J. L. Maupin, R. L. Rader and E. J. Bullard. They sat in state in a coach drawn by four white horses. On the box with the driver sat a tiger of ebony hue, who opened and shut the coach door, when occasion demanded, with a captivating grace.

Messrs. W. C. Guard, George C. Roeding, Am Hays, S. J. Ashman and Frank Feister made the rounds behind a spanking pair of bays. Their card was a very neat one. They came home loaded down with souvenirs, proofs of a busy day.

A dignifiedly merry party was that of Messrs. L. W. Moultrie, N. H. Peterson, F. M. Helm and E. A. Walrond. Their card was perhaps the handsomest of all.

W. D. Grady, W. W. Phillips and J. M. Collier made few calls behind a team of handsome bays.

A novel party was that of Bert Warner, Monte Thomas, Walter Ferguson and two others, who called themselves "The Broilers," probably on account of their tender years. They were much petted by the ladies, almost to spoiling.

Angus Clark (Lord Angus) and George H. Robertson drove tandem, occupying a blond dog-cart. The horses on starting out showed a plebeian preference for traveling the old fashioned way, side by side, but with considerable forcible persuasion were induced after a long while to go in more aristocratic order.

Another party of callers consisted of DeWitt Gray, Aaron H. Powers Jr. and Charles Teague.

JUDGE HOLMES' 'POSSUM.

It Came All the Way From Mississippi to Be Eaten.

Superior Judge Holmes last Thursday received a fat 'possum from Mississippi for his dinner. It came from J. N. Collier, father of J. M Collier of this city, and was dressed ready for the cooking range.

Reuben Goins happened to be in the neighborhood shortly after the box was opened, and the Judge called him in to ask him what kind of a jack abbit it was anyhow. No sooner had Reuben set optics on the game than he opened his mouth, drew a long breath, and with protruding eyes exclaimed:

"Fore God, Judge; its a possum!"

The Judge thanked Rube for his information and ordered the 'possum locked up immediately.

The dainty morsel all the way from Mississippi was devoured by the Judge, and a few invited friends.

NEW STRUCTURES.

Business Houses and Residences Built in 1892.

A SURE AND STEADY GROWTH

Nearly a Quarter of a Million Expended With Architects and Contractors.

"Pay rent no longer. Own a home where every nail you drive and every flower you plant adds to your own wealth and is not another's gain." So read a seductive advertisement published in these columns just one year ago and with a large number the argument apparently prevailed.

Those who are in a position to know best on the subject declared that no one thought that building operations were very brisk in this city during 1891. Yet from unofficial sources a REPUBLICAN reporter obtained a list of 334 buildings erected or begun during that year with an aggregate value of nearly $1,000,000, or as it was stated, "Fresno managed to add more than one building to its aggregate for every working day of the year."

The list of buildings constructed or on which construction was begun during the year 1892 was not obtained without difficulty. There are no official statistics on the subject, nor has the city risen to that corporate dignity to have an inspector of buildings or board of fire wardens to keep a record of new structures or changes in old ones. There is a general law which requires that contracts with builders shall be filed with the recorder as a protection to the material men and the laborer. But unfortunately this law is not obligatory in its provisions and the average man is not apt to do what he is not obliged to do. The number of contracts filed is small compared to the number of buildings actually put up. The number of buildings to the credit of the year 1892 is forty-five for the city and suburbs and represent a value of $152,897; for the county thirteen more of the further value of $84,388.

G STREET.

One story and basement brick, between Tulare and Kern for Webster Treat of Yolo, R. G. Wood contractor, for $1700.

J STREET.

Dwelling house corner Calaveras, for Miss Lydia M. Baird, Leonhart & Leonhart contractor, for $3500, H. R. Thomas architect.

Residence between Calaveras and San Joaquin for W. R. Thomas, Smith & Pierce contractors, for $2500, H. R. Thomas architect.

Building in rear of 1019 for George A. Wilson, Ryan & Wicks contractors, for $2500

Residence for S. A. Alexander, J. C. Illus on contractor, for $2500, A. C. Swartz, architect.

Two-story brick between Stanislaus and Tuolumne, for W. L. Tucker, G. L. Smith contractor, for $3600, J. M. Saffel architect.

N STREET.

Dwelling on lots 17 and 18, in block 125, for Louis Gundelfinger by Riggins & Rehorn contractors, for $1450, C. A. Swartz architect.

Dwelling on lots 19 and 20, for Louis Gundelfinger, by Riggins & Rehorn, contractors, for $1425, C. A. Swartz, architect.

Dwelling on lots 22 and 23, for Louis Gundelfinger, Lander & Smart, contractors, for $1559, C. A. Swartz, architect.

P STREET.

Two-story residence on corner of Mariposa, containing 12 rooms and offices, for W. D. Bowen, H. W. Downing contractor, for about $4000, Draper Fowler architect. The interior finish is natural sequoia redwood, and very fine.

Semi-detached residences, near the corner of Mariposa, containing respectively 8 and 12 rooms, for Mrs. R. Winston, H. W. Downing contractor, for about $7700, Draper Fowler architect.

One story dwelling between Tuolumne and Merced, on lots 23 and 24, for B. A. Hawkins, G. S. Brower contractor, for $1400.

One-story dwelling, same location, on lots 25 and 26, for B. A. Hawkins, G. S. Brower contractor, for $1100.

Q STREET.

Cottage between Mariposa and Tulare, for Mrs. M. Eames, A. W. Ruzey contractor, for $1750.

Residence between Mariposa and Tulare, for A. Hall, G. S. Brower contractor, for $2000, H. R. Thomas architect.

STANISLAUS STREET.

Cottage corner of F, for James Smith, by days' work, $500. H. R. Thomas architect.

FRESNO STREET.

Two-story brick, corner of I, for Fresno Street Improvement company, H. W. Downing contractor, for $25,464, C. K. Kirby Jr. architect. This block contains nine stores on the ground, and 40 rooms on the second floor.

MARIPOSA STREET.

Two-story and attic residence upon block bounded by Tulare, Mariposa, U and V streets, for Marcus Pollasky, Riggins & Rehorn contractors, for $12,000, H. R. Thomas architect.

Stable in same block, for M. Pollasky, Cowan & Ford, contractors, for $2500, H. R. Thomas architect.

TULARE STREET.

Residence for H. D. Colson, for $7000, by days' work, A. C. Schwartz, architect.

JENSEN AVENUE.

Two-story frame residence, 112 Jensen avenue, for G. L. Smith, designed and built by himself, cost $1645.

SOUTH J STREET.

Two-story 9-room frame dwelling for J. Hazhdrian, G. L. Smith designer and contractor, for $2500.

GRIFFITH'S ADDITION.

One-story frame, on lots 10, 18 and 19, block 1, for David Dunbar, Pierce & Sons contractors, for $1130.

FRESNO DISTRICT.

Four-roomed school house on block B for Board of Education, Saffell & Banta contractors, for $2964.

SHANKLIN'S ADDITION.

Two 2-storp frames on lots 19 and 20, for W. E. Gilmour, J. W. Crow and J. T. Shanklin contractors, for $4000.

ALTAMONT.

Dwelling on lots 32, 33 and 34, in block 5, for Antonia F. Vargas, W. H. Ryan contractor, for $1165.

One-story dwelling and out houses on lots 39 and 40, in block 9, for W. H. and Mrs. H. K. Welch, Landers & Smart contractors, for $1965.

FRUITVALE ESTATE.

Gate lodge and entrance to Chateau grounds on Kearney tract for M. S. Kearney, Landers & Smart contractors, for $3445.

Two-story frame and barn on lots 51 and 52, for Mrs. Celia F. Whitten, Landers & Smart contractors, for $3290.

EASTERBY RANCHO.

Brick building on lots 54 and 55 for W. J. Baker and Mrs. S. W. Garrett, Pritchard & Minard contractors, for $5900.

BAPTIST NEW YEAR.

A High Tea and a Literary and Musical Evening.

New Year's day was observed in the First Baptist church yesterday with a high tea and a literary and musical entertainment. The "tea" was given in the afternoon and was well attended.

At 8 o'clock the entertainment began, and the large number of ladies and gentlemen who assembled were pleasantly entertained. The program was an excellent one, all the numbers being rendered in an artistic manner which called forth a great deal of merited applause.

"I fear no foe" a song by Charles Telfer received an encore.

Mrs. Wiley, Mrs. Seat and Mr. Marshall performed some excellent selections on their guitars.

Mrs. Kirk, Mrs. Evans, Messrs. Telfer and Marshall sang a quartet which was encored.

Miss Nellie Boyd recited "Jim's Last Ride," a pathetic piece, in such a way that touched a tender chord in the heart and made the tears come to many an eye.

Miss Kate Balthis sang with an excellent voice and much expression in a solo entitled "That Traitor Love." She received an encore.

The manner in which Miss Bassin recited "Tried" showed that she is an accomplished elocutionist. The piece was a difficult one, but the young lady gave the right interpretation to it. She received an ovation.

Mr. Price sang a bass solo and was encored.

Miss Eden kept the audience amused by recounting in a humorous manner the wooing of a lovesick swain in a balloon. She was recalled and recited another humorous piece.

Mrs. Eastwood related a story of a baldheaded man and she was recalled. She gave as an encore "The Rescue."

A recitation by D. S. Ewing finished the program, after which Pastor DeWitt made a few remarks, thanking those present for their attendance and their assistance in making the high tea and entertainment a success.

PETTERSON-HANSON.

A Brilliant Wedding in Prosperous Easton.

In the Easton Methodist church last Saturday evening a happy wedding party assembled to witness the nuptials of Gustave Petterson and Miss Hilma Hanson.

The bride is the niece of Mathilda Petterson residing near the Easton school house. The groom is a promising young house builder and vineyardist of Easton who has just erected a handsome residence upon his vineyard site near Fowler, where the newly married couple will reside in future.

The ceremony was performed by Rev. Mr. Dahlgren, and at its conclusion the wedding guests repaired to the Easton town hall where an enjoyable supper was discussed. The evening was spent in music, games and literary exercises, among which was the reading of original poems in Swedish and English. One of these poems was composed by Roseberry Juss, Esq., and was read by himself. The poem was dedicated to the newly married couple and brought down the house.

The wedding gifts were numerous and costly.

THE NEW OFFICIALS.

THEY TOOK POSSESSION AT NOON YESTERDAY.

The Work in Nearly All the Offices Finished Up to Date.

The newly elected county officials took possession yesterday at noon. There was no formality, the old officers merely handing the books and keys over to the new ones.

In the sheriff's office everything had been left by the former occupants in the neatest condition. Under Sheriff Fred Berry was moved unto tears by the present of a 50 cent Bible. On one of the fly leaves was the following inscription: "Presented to Fred Berry by Hensley's gang of outgoing deputies, with compliments and a happy new year."

Mr. Berry was moved unto tears because the type in which the Bible is printed is so small that a magnifying glass is required to be able to read it, and the deputies forgot to give him such a glass. Sheriff Scott received a work of art from the tramp artist, G. H. Williams, who is an inmate of the jail.

The picture represents the change of administration in the sheriff's office. In the upper left hand corner Sheriff Hensley, grip sack in hand, is leaving the county jail. In the upper right hand Sheriff Scott's welcome by the prisoners is depicted. Nothing can be seen of the latter but their outstretched hands, which the sheriff is grasping with charming cordiality.

The central picture is a scene in cell 9, lower corridor, the one occupied by the artist, who has just finished writing on the wall, "Our New Sheriff, Jay Scott." In the lower left hand corner is the picture of a man serving a misdemeanor. He has an elegant chain and ball attached to his leg, and is engaged in raking the grass, while the sunny sky smiles upon him. Opposite is a convict in his lonely cell, serving a felony. This composite work of art was drawn with colored crayons, lead pencil and ink, and is a very creditable affair.

The other offices turned over were the county clerk's, district attorney's, auditor's, recorder's and surveyor's. No work was done, it being a legal holiday, but some of the officials remained in their offices a short time to arrange them differently. Today the work of the new administration will begin in earnest.

The insolvency cases of Corket and A. D. Barling have been continued until the 7th instant.

Half a dozen of the Barton orchestra went to Visalia last evening to play at the Native Sons' ball.

Experts W. S. Badger and L. E. Frasso will begin examining the books of the county officials today.

Recorder Norris' copyists will be Miss J. Nicholson, Miss Etta Brock, Miss Lou Anderson and Mrs. Liddell.

Fulton G. Berry et al have brought suit against E. T. Pierson et al to foreclose a mortgage given to secure a promissory note of $450.

In the insolvency case of E. S. Russell, no creditors being present when the case was called, Judge Holmes appointed Joseph Borden assignee, with bond at $100.

At West Park there will be an open Alliance meeting on Wednesday evening, January 4. The question of the government ownership of railroads in the United States will be discussed. Everybody invited.

THE DOCTOR'S RETURN.

E. F. Brown, M. D., Will Be in Fresno January 5th.

The numerous patients of Dr. E. F. Brown will be pleased to learn of that gentleman's return to Fresno. Many and important cases in San Jose that require the doctor's personal attention made his departure for that city a few weeks since imperative. During his first visit to Fresno, on the occasion of his permanently establishing the Radical cure dispensary, Dr. Brown performed some wonderful cures which were duly chronicled at the time.

To the afflicted the doctor's return is the harbinger of solace and joy.

FAREWELL TEACHERS

Last Day of the Educational Convention.

THE TEXT BOOKS CRITICIZED

Dearer in Price and Poorer in Quality Than in Other States.

Yesterday afternoon ended the 1892 session of the State Teachers Association.

It was attended by the leading educators of the state and much good will no doubt result from the interchange of opinions and discussions.

A large number availed themselves of the opportunity extended them to ride through the vineyards.

Professors Kellogg, Moses and Lange of the State University accepted the invitation of Dr. Rowell to visit the vineyards. They were delighted with what they saw and especially pleased with this city, having found much to admire in its picturesque architecture and gardened residences. The doctor, who is a member of the board of regents of the State University, banqueted his guests at his home last evening, where they remained until a late hour. It was their first visit to Fresno.

But little business of importance was transacted at yesterday's session. Professor Kennedy, chairman of the committee on resolutions, presented the following which were unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That this association has the highest appreciation of the hospitable reception and courtesy extended to its members by the liberal and warm-hearted people of Fresno.

Resolved, That this association hereby tender to Superintendent Kirk and the teachers of Fresno county their heartfelt thanks for their untiring and ceaseless efforts to insure the success of this meeting.

Another resolution was adopted indorsing a systematic course of physical culture in the public schools and creating a department of music in the association.

It was also resolved that three years' experience with a normal school diploma be considered prima facie evidence of fitness to teach without requiring the holder of such diploma to go before a county board of examination.

The investigating council to whom was referred the subject of the state series of text books and promotions reported through Will S. Monroe, Professor Hutton of the Los Angeles Normal school and Professor Pierce of the Chico Normal school. The committee read a paper showing the cost of the California text books as compared with the cost in other states and the quality of the same. From the report it appears that California pays 40 per cent more for her text books than Ohio. The conclusions of the report were to the effect that the state publication up to the present time had not produced as cheap books as the friends of the system had hoped, and that the state text books were inferior in quality to those of other states. The method adopted by the state board of education in compiling these books was characterized as unbusiness like and not calculated to produce good results.

In view of these facts the committee recommended that the next legislature take the necessary steps to procure the books in use in the public schools cheaper in price and better in quality.

In the afternoon session Dr. David Starr Jordan of Palo Alto university made an address on behalf of higher education.

In the morning Mrs. Sarah B. Cooper of San Francisco delivered an address on kindergartens, in which she contended that the kindergarten was the only true foundation of industrial education.

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Fulton G. Berry sent an exhibit of oranges and lemons from his Centerville orange grove to the Porterville citrus fair. He received a dispatch last night announcing that he had received the first prize for the best collection of Mediterranean sweets. They were from the product of a 3-year-old orange grove.

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"For several years, I was troubled with inflammatory rheumatism, being so bad at times as to be entirely helpless. For the last two years, whenever I felt the effects of the disease, I began to take Ayer's Sarsaparilla, and have not had a spell for a long time."—E. T. Hansbrough, Elk Run, Va.

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THE CHURCHES.

What Is Being Done by the Different Denominations.

SOME MARKED IMPROVEMENTS

Increased Memberships Noted in all the Congregations—The Last Year's Work.

The Methodist Episcopal church of Fresno was organized twelve years ago by the Rev. Martin Miller with twenty-three members. It was included in the circuit of which Mr. Miller was pastor. In the fall of 1882 it was made a separate charge with the Rev. F. M. Pickles as pastor. Mr. Pickles remained but seven months. He was succeeded by Dr. J. L. Gregory, during whose short pastorate of five months the church was very prosperous.

The Rev. S. J. Kahler was pastor from September, 1883, until September, 1885. During the first year of his pastorate the present church edifice was built. At the time of its dedication the membership numbered fifty-five. The present membership is 272. The entire number connected with the church since its organization is 540. Since 1885 the following named have been pastors in the order given: G. W. Goodell, Martin Judy, A. B. Morrison, E. O. McIntire.

During the past year the Sunday school, under the superintendency of C. B. Kemble, has done good work and is now prospering.

The Young People's Society, of which J. P. Vincent is president, is a valuable auxiliary of the church.

The Ladies' Aid Society and the Kings Daughters are both doing important work in their respective fields.

F. D. Mather.

M. E. Church South.

Editor Republican.—You ask for a short article on the rise and progress of the M. E. Church South in Fresno. Allow me to say first that the word south no more sectionalizes the church than the word "Greek" before the Greek church; than "Roman" before the Roman Catholic church, or "Cumberland" before the Cumberland Presbyterian church. The word "south" has neither social, political nor doctrinal significance with us, as our membership represents men and women from every section of the United States, the Canadas and Europe. Plainly, there is not a Methodist church, either north or south, that is in any way identified with a political party. We have members that belong to all parties just as the Presbyterian and other churches have, but the M. E. Church south is a church set for the defense of "the faith once delivered to the saints."

The church in Fresno was organized about 1872-3. Its first pastor was Rev. A. Odom, now of Dinuba. Judge Balep and wife, Mrs. M. Bedford, Mrs. M. A. Guard, Mrs. Susan Daley, Miss Laura Glenn, Miss Skipp, Rev. B. A. Hawkin, Mrs. Adelia Miles, and many others were its first members, since which time Jerry Musick, W. H. Tucker, J. H. McConnell and wife, Dr. Meux and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Wyatt, Mrs. Dr. Maupin, Miss Anna Edwards, Mrs. Hewett, J. B. Rowe, Walter Flannagan, G. W. Bonnell and wife, the Howells, Lewises, Bells, Hagues, Hicks, Waltons, Cobbs, Campbells, Millers, Duncans, Parsons, Judge J. P. Strother and wife, Mrs. Paulin and many others have been added.

It is the purpose of the trustees to build a new and elegant church soon. The old house has done good service, but a better building is needed. Churches like all large bodies, move slowly, but the necessity is daily more apparent, and soon the work will be done. We have more people than could be seated in the old church should they all attend any one sabbath.

We have no sensational methods in church work. The gospel is preached—honestly I trust; and on the truth we depend for growth. It is slow but sure.

We hold to the class meeting idea. Mr. W. W. Harrell is the leader. Mr. M. H. Tucker is the superintendent of the Sunday school, which numbers about 125 pupils. The Epworth League has for its president Mr. Henry Strother—a work, which in his hands, gains. The prayer meetings are usually led by the pastor; attendance fairly good. Dr. T. R. Meux is chairman of the board of trustees, J. B. Reader is chairman of the board of stewards, Mrs. Dr. Maupin is president of the Woman's Missionary Society and Miss Estelle Duke, daughter of Rev. T. L. Duke, ex-pastor of the church, is organist.

The membership gains—not rapidly, but steadily. Our aim is to do good to the souls and to the bodies of men. As a church we are in fraternal relations with all orthodox churches. We believe in the integrity of the faith; and are here not to promote sectional interests but the cause of our blessed Master. The M. E. Church South was organized in California forty years ago and nearly one half its membership was born under the skies of the Golden State. They are fully identified with its interests as lawyers, doctors, mechanics, teachers, farmers and merchants. The writer of this article came to "this land in the west" when a boy and believes in California and her people.

T. H. B. Anderson, Pastor.

St. James Episcopal.

St. James Episcopal church was organized as a mission in December, 1879, the Rev. D. O. Kelly being the missionary in charge. For more than a year services were held in the Central school house, until in 1881 when the present church building was erected and occupied. Growth and prosperity attended the efforts of the missionary, and in 1888 the mission became a self-supporting parish and Mr. Kelley became the rector. During these years the mission had acquired six lots on the corner of Fresno and N streets, and a brick church and a comfortable rectory has been erected.

In 1891 the church was enlarged by the addition of a recess chancel and an organ chamber, which not only gave much needed room to the seating capacity, but also greatly improved the appearance of the building within and without. Mr. Kelley remained in charge for nearly thirteen years, doing very excellent work, and establishing the church upon a firm basis. Being called to a larger field he resigned the rectorship, and was succeeded by the Rev. William Lucas, the present rector, who took charge in March, 1892.

When the mission was first established it was with a membership of ten communicants. Since that time there have been added, by confirmations and removals from other churches 491. There have been 204 baptisms, 109 confirmations, 91 marriages and 139 burials. Owing to deaths and removals from the city there are now only 190 communicants connected with the parish.

The organizations within the parish consists of a St. James Guild among the elderly ladies, a St. Agnes Guild among the young ladies and a chapter of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew among the young men, all of which are doing good and efficient work, and much praise is due them for whatever success has been attained.

The future of the parish is full of encouragment. Many are the evidences of growth and prosperity and it would not be surprised if in a few years St. James parish should become one of the strongest parishes of the Episcopal church in the interior of California. Financially it is perhaps as well off as any religious body in the city, as its only burden is a small debt of about $700, which in its anticipated growth it will find the means to remove without much anxiety.

Services are regularly maintained as follows: Holy communion every Sunday except the first at 7.30 a.m., on the first Sunday in the month 11 a.m. Evening prayer and sermon 7.30 p.m. Sunday school 9.45 a.m. Friday evening the literary and Bible lesson. On all Holy Days, Holy communion at 7.30 a.m.

The seats in this church are all free and everybody is invited to attend.

First Presbyterian.

The First Presbyterian church of Fresno enters upon its fifth year under its present pastorate with many reasons for thankfulness, hope and courageous effort. The past twelve months have been full of joyful service and steady, healthful progress. Its tried and true members of other years have not lost in devotion or effort, while many new members are becoming interested and helpful in its varied departments of labor. The spirit of brotherhood, peace and self-sacrificing love which is not only taught from its pulpit but is largely exemplified among its membership, makes the church a very homelike place, and its people loyal to Christ and each other without narrowness or bigotry.

This church is proving its interest in the youth of the city by its well equipped Sabbath school, with Francis Robb as superintendent, by its Young People's Endeavor society and membership of seventy, with Miss Alice Armstrong as its efficient president; it's Boys' Brigade, with Julian Hudson for Captain; its Busy Bees' society and Young Folks' Mission band, under Mrs. F. O. Prescott and Mrs. J. B. Smith, and through these agencies many of our youth are growing into a nobler and better life.

Our church believes in cultivating the spirit of joyful praise, and while it constantly emphasizes congregational singing in its service it has sought for choice musicians to lead its service of song, and through the efficient and self-sacrificing management of Charles Pierce, who is the committee on church music, that part of the service has attained its present degree of perfection. The choir now consists of Mrs. Hollingsworth, the skillful organist, and a quartet composed of Mrs. Evans, soprano; Mrs. Kirk, alto; Mr. Price, tenor; Mr. Telfor, bass. During a part of the year a young people's musical society has also been maintained.

Our church is more and more unfolding in philanthropic enterprise. During the past year it has greatly enlarged its donations to its various objects of benevolence, besides meeting promptly all its financial obligations. Through its society of Kings' Daughters and the personal beneficence of a number of its members it has helped many poor families, and it is just now planing to do still more, as the need in the city is growing more urgent.

Our church also believes in personal and organized work, and that every member shall be enlisted, and with this in mind has, during the past year, divided its membership into separate divisions, with chairman and assistant chairmen appointed, whose specific labor it is to seek to enlist every member in some form of aggressive effective service for Christ.

The officers of the church are in part as follows: Pastor, Philo F. Phelps; elders, Mr. Merritt Pierce, Mr. J. A. Melvin, Judge M. Farley; deacons, A. D. Olney, T. J. Hammond, George Hume, L. E. Bates, W. M. Ewing; trustees, F. K. Prescott, president of the board, with A. D. Olney, O. J. Woodward, James Porteous, S. Moulux. The chairmen of various church divisions are: No. 1, Mrs. Dr. Aiken; No. 2, Mrs. Cory; No. Mrs. Dickerson; No. 4, Mrs. H. M. Moore; No. 5, Mrs. Osborn; No. 6, Mrs. Olney; No. 7, Mrs. Francis; No. 8, Mrs. Wharton; No. 9, Mrs. Robb; No. 10, Mrs. Lawson.

Sabbath school superintendent, Francis Robb; assistant, George Hume; membership enrolled about 240.

Ladies' Missionary Society—President, Mrs. J. B. Smith; vice presidents, Mrs. S. Moulux and Mrs. Dr. Reiley; secretary, Mrs. Dennett.

Ladies' Aid Society officers—President, Mrs. McDonald; vice presidents, Mrs. Olney and Mrs. Dr. Sponogle.

The following brief reports furnished by officers of the Boys' Brigade and Endeavor societies are presented:

The first Fresno company Boys' Brigade was organized in April, 1891, with J. T. Hammond president, Julian N. Hudson captain, Walter R. Hughes first lieutenant and vice president, Fred D. Prescott second lieutenant and secretary, and Stokey Williams treasurer. The brigade has been doing good work and numbers about twenty-five members. The object of the brigade is the advancement of Christ's kindom among boys, and the promoting of habits of reverence, discipline, self respect and all that tends toward true Christian manhood. It has been found that the organization of such military companies among boys tends to produce the following practical results:

1st—It attracts boys from the streets and saloons to the school and church and holds them.

2d—It is a good physical and mental discipline, the drill is splendid exercise for the body and the tactics trains a boy to think and act quickly.

3d—It cultivates a spirit of obedience, requires prompt obedience to military orders, at the same time promoting habits of punctuality and cleanliness.

4th—It makes it easy to induce the boys to become Christians.

Endeavor Society report:

The past year has been characterized by active work in the Endeavor Society all over the world, as was made manifest at the international society held at New York last summer. The society of this church has caught this impetus and has more than doubled its membership during the past year. It has has now about seventy members, more than two-thirds of whom are active Christians and over one-fourth of its members having been received into the church the past year. Its president is Miss Allie Armstrong, vice president, Miss Duell; secretary, Miss Daisy Williams; treasurer, Miss Lillian Melvin; secretary, Miss Jennie Ritchie.

The First Baptist.

In response to your request I send you a few items of church life and growth in the First Baptist church of Fresno.

After nearly two years of rest from our building, during which time we have worshiped in the assembly and lecture rooms we are now in the process of finishing our new auditorium, which we hope to complete and dedicate within the next month.

Starting with a plan of improvement and enlargement, involving an expense not to exceed $3000, we are finishing the work at an expense of nearly or quite $9000. But the raisin center and metropolis of the San Joaquin valley is worthy of a still more elaborate and finished style of church architecture.

Our church buildings in the past have borne about the same relation to the elegant and costly business houses of this city that the old ox cart train and prairie schooner on the plains bear to to the palace and drawing room cars that make traveling a luxury on the overland routes. But our religious societies who have not already rebuilt are each planning for a large and costly edifice in keeping with the age and enterprise of the community. This year will witness the construction of one or more. While everything of a material character is moving with a bounding progress and all absorbing interest, it is manifest that our churches must keep pace in order to secure permanent prosperity and success.

The religious interest at the First Baptist church has outrun the material and is now moving with a zest that knows no abatement and an earnestness all-absorbing. We have already established three large and prosperous missions with the fourth well organized and certain to grow and develop into a mighty power for good. Several of these missions are crowding their places of meeting and obliged to consider the necessity of "lengthening the cords and strengthening the stakes." The additions to our membership have been larger during the last year than was ever known in the history of the church. I have not the figures before me, but believe that 137 have been received since October, 1891. The character of the church has changed in its agency for active service from the more aged to the young.

The Young People's Union has received during the past year very large numbers, I should say between 100 and 200 members. Much of the church work has been done by the members of this society.

We expect at the dedication to open a room with a seating capacity of from 500 to 600 persons, finished and furnished suitable for the times and demand of the growing city. We hope to be able to place a pipe organ by the side of the pulpit to add strength to the worship of the service of song. H. G. DeWitt.

First Congregational.

"Recognizing the prevailing spirit to be progress, this church has during the year now closed fallen in step with the march of improvement. For eight years this church had been meeting in their building, as it was received from the contractors in the beginning. When built, though but two blocks from the city park it was comparatively in the suburbs. Since then the tide of improvement has swept round, and far beyond them. Among the buildings thus erected were some of the finest in the city. Compared with them the little church once thought to be so fine seemed quite insignificant. Recognizing this the congregation, which embraces some of the best business men in the city and surrounding colonies, determined to put their building in shape to compare with the residences around it, feeling as did David when he cried, "I dwell in a ceiled house but the habitation of the Lord is still a tent."

Yet recognizing that many so called improvements were such only in name they determined to employ the best architects in the city and to trust to their judgment. This was accordingly done, and $3500 were spent in the task of rebuilding. The result is seen today in a spacious and beautiful edifice without and within.

The capacity of the building was more than doubled, first by the raising of the entire building twelve feet and finishing off the Sunday school rooms, parlors, cloak room and pastor's study below; then by the addition of an organ chamber and the extension of the wings of the building above. Thus the entire form of the old building has been changed and to such a purpose that every Sunday the delighted congregation say as they gather "what a delightful church this is."

With a property as valuable as any church in the city save one, with a beautiful and commodious parsonage adjoining the church and with but a comparatively small debt, this church has a right to congratulate itself on the improvement of the year.

Of the work of the writer who has been pastor of this flock for two years, modesty forbids me to speak, but of the coming pastor who takes charge of the church from today, I am happy to quote the following from the Los Angeles Times of December 8:

"Rev. J. H. Collins has severed his connection with the Third Congregational church to accept a call from the First Congregational church of Fresno. Mr. Collins has been very successful in this city having built up his congregation from one of the smallest to one of the best in the city and his place will be hard to fill. While Mr. Collins is unique in his methods, he is a Christian of the practical sort and has done a vast amount of good among the poor and unfortunate of his flock who will lose their best friend when he leaves."

Rev. Benjamin F. Sargent.

Cumberland Presbyterian.

The Cumberland Presbyterian church of Fresno has been quietly at work during the past year, and at its close can claim progress.

Discouragements to us as a church have been many, not the least of which is the necessity of worshipping in a hall.

But we feel sure that the Lord careth for his people, and have labored in His name, depending on Him for success. We have endeavored to build up our own to the edification and not the tearing down of the other churches, as all who work in His name must do.

The Sabbath school, prayer meeting and church services are well attended in proportion to the membership. The church is growing gradually, something over twenty new members being added in the last year.

Lots have been purchased on the corner of Tulare and N streets, and work has begun on a church house. We hope means can be procured to complete it in the near future.

We quite agree with one of our leading business men who said in a speech some time since that every time a church spire points toward heaven it bespeaks progress, and shall make an effort, at least, to speak progress for Fresno, plain and simple though it may be.

The prime motive, however, is to do the work of the Lord more efficiently.

The little band of workers have done nobly in subscribing to this enterprise.

The ladies, though few, have toiled earnestly, laying by the pennies as they gathered them, until they now have $75 in bank, with $5 or more in hand, which they expect to give to the building fund. But why these efforts? The purpose is high and grand; to edify society and make the lives of men and women happier.

That church spires are silent it is true, but they speak loudly and more effectively than real estate agents.

Mrs. L. L. Patterson.

The Christian Church.

At the corner of Mariposa and M streets is the modest building in which the people of the Christian church have worshipped since shortly after its organization in 1884. The congregation at that time was small, but has steadily increased in numbers until the church roll now shows some 400 names.

Every church has its own peculiar characteristics which distinguish it from all others. It is natural for men to inquire what those of our church are. One is that it has no human creed or articles of faith to which it asks its members to subscribe. Another is its plea for the union of all the people of God on the terms set forth in the New Testament, that is, on such requirements of faith and obedience as all Christian scholars acknowledge to be set forth in the New Testament, and on these alone, without human addition, subtraction or modification. These are, in brief, the peculiarities which characterize the Christian church.

For the past three years the church in this city has been served in the capacity of pastor by the writer of this article. During this period 164 persons have been added to the church, and the actual increase over all losses has been 100.

There are, under the auspices of this church, a flourishing Sunday school of some 200 and a young people's society of some 50 or 60 members, besides an auxiliary to the woman's board of foreign and domestic missions.

Seventh Day Adventists.

The handsomest church edifice in Fresno city is that of the Seventh Day Adventists. It is a large brick structure with spire and clock tower, and its seating capacity is 1200. The interior arrangement is all that could be desired so far as comfort is concerned.

The Seventh Day Adventists organized their church about 15 years ago and it has prospered beyond expectation. The building in which they now worship was built four years ago. The church has now 215 members and its affairs are in a good condition. Elder J. H. Cook performs the ministerial duties. There are 275 pupils in the Sunday school.

Emmanuel Baptist Church.

The Emmanuel Baptist church, though the youngest in the city, is in a thriving condition. It was organized about two months ago and has now a membership of nearly sixty. The church has not yet taken steps to get its own house of worship, but something will soon be done in this matter. No regular pastor has been chosen yet, and Rev. I. D. Woods is temporarily furnishing the church with spiritual teaching. Following are the officers of the church: Deacons—O. G. Sayle, R. H. Bramlett and G. R. G. Glenn; treasurer, Professor J. W. Evans; clerk, G. W. Haber.

African M. E. Church.

"When I arrived in Fresno to take charge of the African M. E. Church, September 15, 1892, I found it in a sad condition, both spiritually and financially. The members of the congregation were all poor and there was a church debt of $1200.

"Since I have taken charge revival meetings have been held which have been conducive of much good and many conversions have been made. Thirty-four members have been added to the congregation, which on my arrival consisted of eleven only. Several others were converted who have not joined us.

"We have a W.C.T.U. auxilliary association, a fine Sabbath school of forty members which is still increasing in number. We trust soon to be out of debt for God is in the work with us."

George A. Bailey, Pastor.

FOWLER.

A THRIVING SHIPPING CENTER.

The Great Advantages Possessed by Our Neighboring Town—Good Chances for Investment.

On the main line of the Southern Pacific railroad, ten miles southeast from Fresno City, is located the town of Fowler. Eight years ago there was scarcely anything here to indicate even the probability of a town except one or two shanties and a railroad side track; but time has wrought many changes, and now, instead of a side track and a couple of shanties, can be seen a thriving and pretty town of considerable commercial importance, the center of a very large and productive territory.

Fowler represents nearly every branch of business, having two large general merchandise establishments, a good drug store, a lumber yard, fruit packing house, three grain warehouses, two hotels, two blacksmith shops, livery stable, meat market, etc. The past two years Fowler has grown very rapidly, and many neat, costly buildings have been erected.

A large school house has been built at a cost of $10,000. There are two teachers employed in the departments.

There are two church buildings in Fowler and three church organizations. The Presbyterians have a neat and comfortable building, and the United Presbyterians a handsome house of worship which cost $5000. The other society, the Christians, conduct services in Good Templars hall, a fine two-story frame structure recently built by the order.

The Ladies' Improvement Society of Fowler is the name of an organization which has for its object the promotion of the moral interests of the young men of the place, and under their supervision is conducted a free public reading room, where newspapers, books, magazines and literature of a high order are furnished those who wish to avail themselves of the privilege.

The Odd Fellows, Good Templars and Farmers' Alliance have organizations in Fowler.

For a number of years Fowler has been noted as a shipping point for grain, being surrounded by a vast area of the finest wheat land in the state of California, and successive years of fruitful harvest have been conducive to the establishment of grain warehouses at this point as investments, until now there are three large grain storehouses with a combined capacity of 7600 tons. And large as this storage capacity may seem to be to those who are not acquainted with the extent of our wheat harvests, still it is a fact that at times even the combined capacity of the three warehouses is taxed to the utmost to accommodate the crop preparatory to shipment.

Nowhere in the state of California is there a better, more reliable water supply for irrigation purposes than that which furnishes the lands in the vicinity of Fowler. The supply is never failing and absolutely certain. Three irrigation canal systems flow through these lands, and from these main canals smaller ones branch out in every direction. The three systems referred to are the Fowler switch, the Kingsburg and Centreville, and the Church.

The people are progressive, enterprising and sociable. There is no better place for investment than here, as prices of land are reasonable.

A New Acacia.

There has recently been introduced in this state a new acacia which is known as the anleocarpa or leptophleba, which was grown from seeds donated by Baron F. Von Mueller.

This tree is locally known in Queensland as the "hickory wattle." It yields a tan bark which is used in Queenland to some extent. The wood is hard, tough and dark red. It is very useful for cabinet work as it is a pretty wood and capable of a high polish.

A Blind Girl Sees Again.

About three weeks ago Miss Blanche Watson, of Harrisburg, was suddenly stricken blind by a flash of lightning during a storm. She could not see anything, and a light held near her eyes did not compel a closing of the lids. On Monday evening, while rubbing her eyes, her sight suddenly returned, and she has not been inconvenienced since, except that her eyes are weak.—Philadelphia Press.

Her Legal Name.

Miss Marie Corelli writes to a friend in New York city, saying: "I shall be very glad if you will contradict the erroneous reports that circulate in the American press about me. All I want said is that I am not the daughter, but the adopted daughter, of Charles Mackay, and that my legal name is Marie Corelli."

Mrs. Dora R. Miller, a well known school teacher of New Orleans, has patented a blackboard eraser or rubber. It is a small contrivance worn on the hand while working at the blackboard, and is considered so practicable and useful that the inventor has been offered $5,000 for the patent right.

SANGER.

THE HOME OF THE ORANGE AND LIME.

A Flourishing City Surrounded By Orange and Lemon Groves. Its Many Advantages.

Sanger, the junction city, is one of the most substantial and prosperous towns in the county, yet it came into existence only about four years ago. In 1888 the first house was built there, and the following summer the present townsite was platted into lots and sold to intending settlers.

It is situated fourteen miles east of Fresno, on the branch railroad to Porterville and will be made the junction of the Stockton, Oakland & Merced branch line, the extension of which is now in prospect.

Sanger's growth has been remarkable. Less than five years ago what is now a bustling city was a wheat field. The enterprise of the city is fully demonstrated by an electric light and telephone plant. There are several blocks of business houses and many pretentious, substantial brick buildings. There is a large number of general merchandise stores which are all doing a thriving business.

Sanger has a large, commodious school house where the children of the town find ample accommodation. Three competent instructors are employed.

There are two large churches, those of the Baptists and Methodists. These denominations have large memberships, and there are two other church societies which will soon build places of worship.

The Kings River Lumber company represents the chief manufacturing interests of the town. It has a capital stock of $1,000,000, and was formed for the purpose of manufacturing lumber in Fresno county on the headwaters of the Kings River, where it owns extensive lumber interests and has two large sawmills. These mills, when running ten hours per day, have a combined capacity of about 3,000,000 feet of lumber per month and give employment to about 300 men. The lumber is transported to the yards at Sanger by means of a V flume, which has a carrying capacity of 250,000 feet per day. The flume with its laterals is about sixty miles long. The planing mill manufactures sashes, doors, boxes, blinds, etc.

The Sanger Herald chronicles the weekly happenings of the town and community and is industriously engaged in advertising the resources and advantages of that section abroad.

The vicinity of Sanger is destined to be at an early day one of the great fruit producing regions of the San Joaquin valley. It is located near the thermal belt of Fresno county, where the orange, fig, lemon, peach, pear, grape and other fruits grow to perfection. The soil is fertile and well adapted to the culture of horticultural, agricultural and viticultural products.

The land around Sanger is under a private system of irrigation and is embraced within the boundaries of the Selma Irrigation district.

POSTOFFICE BUSINESS

A LARGELY INCREASED REVENUE FOR 1892.

Twenty-seven Thousand Dollars Worth of Stamps and Paper Sold Last Year.

Postal facilities for this city have been largely increased during the last year in order to meet the increased demand. Two additional letter carriers have been added to the force and the limits of city delivery have been extended so as to take in thirty-seven blocks of new territory. Nine street letter boxes have been added for the further convenience of the public.

In all there are six letter carriers and two substitute letter carriers. There are 42 iron letter boxes scattered about the city for the reception of mail. There are seven clerks in the office besides the postmaster, making the total number of the whole force 16.

The volume of business in the registration and money order department has increased very much over that of last year, some 1300 more letters and packages having been registered this year than last. One thousand and thirteen more money orders were issued this year than were during the year 1891. The gross amount of receipts for money orders issued was $128,211. The fees received for these orders belong to the treasury of the United States and not to the Postoffice department.

Last year $25,538.68 were received from the sale of stamps and stamped paper and this year's business will aggregate about $27,000.

One of the most deplorable features of the whole postal system and one for which a remedy should be devised is the exceedingly small pay allowed the employes. No clerk in the Fresno office except the head clerk receives more than $50 per month, and three of them are allowed by the department only $25 per month, the remainder of their pay having to be made up from the Postmaster's salary which is already and always has been small enough at best.

Thus it will be seen that it is unavoidably necessary to have inexperienced if not incompetent help in the office. With a rich government like ours this is a bad state of affairs and should be regulated.

Chess in Japan.

Not only are there a great number of pieces and moves in Japanese chess, but their value changes; for instance, on reaching the enemy's camp promotion ensues and captured pieces are re-entered under various conditions. In fact, the game demands, if that were possible, more undivided attention than European chess, and in its provisions and contingencies, especially the last, is strictly military.

The pieces, agreeable to the enrolling of prisoners, are all of one color. Chess has always held considerable position in Japan. It flourished during the shogunate, and again after the revolution is being revived. A grand tourney was held not very long ago at Tokio.—London Spectator.

Utilizing Wire Fences.

An ingenious landowner at Melbourne has applied the wire fences in his district to telephonic use. By utilizing the top wire two extensive estates are connected. Mr. Edward Argle, the manager, carries an instrument with him in his buggy, and by connecting with the wire at any point can communicate with either homestead.—London Tit-Bits.

Crystallized nitrogen is one of the greatest chemical curiosities. By cooling nitrogen gas down to 307 degs. below the freezing point, and then allowing it to expand, solid snowlike crystals are formed.

English gunpowder is composed of seventy-five parts of saltpeter, ten of sulphur and fifteen of carbon. Proportions are often slightly varied.

General William T. Sherman was familiarly called "Uncle Billy" by his soldiers, and also "Old Tecumseh."

Saxon ladies never appeared in public without the hood, which covered the hair and a large part of the face.

THE PLAYMATES.

Who are thy playmates, boy?
"My favorite is Joy,
Who brings with him his sister Peace, to stay
The livelong day.
I love them both; but he
Is most to me."
And where thy playmates now,
O man of sober brow?
"Alas! dear Joy, the merriest is dead.
But I have wed
Peace; and our babe, a boy,
Newborn, is Joy."
—J. B. Tabb in Harper's Young People.

ALL FOR SCIENCE.

A few years ago the Magruders lived in Bedford, and Mrs. Magruder, who was an enthusiastic amateur doctor, used to teach a class of female friends the rudiments of physiology. At that time Magruder was in business, and as he generally came home tired he had a habit of lying on the up stairs sitting room sofa in the evening for the purpose of taking a nap.

Several times when he did so and Mrs. Magruder had some friends with her down stairs he noticed upon awaking that there was a peculiar heaviness in his head and a queer smell of drugs in the room. When he questioned Mrs. Magruder about it she invariably colored and looked confused and said he must have eaten something which had disagreed with him.

Ultimately the suspicions of Magruder were aroused. He suspected something wrong. A horrible thought crossed his mind that Mrs. Magruder intended to poison him for his skeleton—to sacrifice him so that she could dangle his bones on a string before her class, and explain to the seekers after medical truth the peculiarities of construction which enabled the framework of her husband to move in society.

So Magruder revealed his suspicions to his brother, and engaged to secrete himself in a cupboard in the room while he took his usual nap on a certain evening upon the sofa.

When that night arrived Mrs. Magruder pretended to have a "sewing circle" in the parlor, while her husband went to sleep up stairs in the sitting room with that vigilant relative of his on guard.

About 9 o'clock Mr. Magruder's brother was surprised to observe Mrs. Magruder softly stealing upstairs, with the members of the "sewing circle" following her noiselessly in single file. In her hand Mrs. Magruder carried a volume. If her brother-in-law had conceived the idea that the book might contain the tender strains of some sweet singer amid whose glowing imagery this woman reveled with the ecstasy of a sensitive nature, he would have been mistaken, for the work was entitled "Thompson on the Nervous System," while those lines traced in a delicate female hand upon the perfumed note paper carried by Mrs. Magruder, so far from embodying an expression of the gentlest and most sacred emotions of her bosom, were merely a diagnosis of an aggravated case of fatty degeneration of the heart.

When the whole party had entered the room Mrs. Magruder closed the door and applied chloroform to her husband's nose. As soon as he became completely insensible the sewing in the hands of the ladies was quickly laid aside, and to Magruder's secreted brother was disclosed the alarming fact that this was her class.

Mrs. Magruder began her lecture with some very able remarks upon the nervous system, and in order to demonstrate her meaning more plainly she attached a galvanic battery to her husband's toes so that she might make him wriggle before the class. And he did wriggle. Mrs. Magruder gave him a dozen or two shocks and poked him with a ruler to make him jump, while the others stood in a semicircle with notebooks in their hands and exclaimed, "How very interesting!"

Magruder's brother thought it awful, but he was afraid to come out when he reflected that they might want two skeletons. Mrs. Magruder then said that she would pursue this branch of the investigation no further at that moment, because Mr. Magruder's system was somewhat debilitated in consequence of an overdose of chlorate of potash, which she had administered in his coffee upon the previous day for the purpose of testing the strength of the drug.

Mrs. Magruder then proceeded to "quiz" the class concerning the general construction of her husband. She said, for instance, that she had won what was called the heart of Mr. Magruder, and she asked the students what it was that she had really won.

"Why, the cardia, of course," said the class. "It is an azygous muscle of an irregular pyramid shape, situated obliquely and a little to the left side of the chest, and it rests on the diaphragm."

One fair young thing said that it did not rest on the diaphragm. Another one said she would bet a quart of paregoric it did, and until the dispute was settled by the professor Magruder's brother's hair stood on end with fear lest they should go to probing inside of Magruder with a butcher's knife and a lantern for the purpose of determining the actual condition of affairs respecting his diaphragm.

Mrs. Magruder continued. She explained that when she accepted Mr. Magruder he seized her hand, and she required the class to explain what it was that Mr. Magruder actually had hold of.

The students replied that he held in his grip twenty-seven distinct bones, among which might be mentioned the phalanges, the carpus and the metacarpus. The beautiful creature who was incredulous concerning the diaphragm suggested that he also had hold of the deltoid. But the others scornfully suggested that the deltoid was a muscle. The discussion became so exciting that lancets were drawn, and there seemed to be a prospect of bloodshed when the teacher interfered and demanded of the girl who had begun to cry about the deltoid what was the result when Mr Magruder kissed her.

"Why, merely a contraction of the orbicularis oris muscle, thus," said the student as she leaned over and kissed Mr. Magruder.

Magruder's brother in the cupboard thought maybe it wasn't so very solemn for Mr. Magruder after all. He considered this portion of the exercises in a certain sense soothing. But all the students said it was perfectly scandalous, and Mrs. Magruder, after informing the offender that hereafter when illustration of any point of the lesson was needed it would be supplied by herself, ordered her to go to the foot of the class and to learn eighty new bones as a punishment.

"Do you hear me, miss?" demanded Mrs. Magruder when she perceived that that contractor of the orbicularis oris muscle did not budge.

"Yes," she said, "I am conscious of a vibration striking against the membrana tympanum, and being transmitted through the labyrinth until it agitates the auditory nerve, which conveys the impression to the brain."

"Correct," said the professor. "Then obey me, or I will call my biceps and flexors and scapularis into action and put you in your place by force."

"Yes, and we will help her with our spinatus and infraspiralis," exclaimed the rest of the class.

Magruder's brother in the gloom of his cupboard did not comprehend the character of these threats, but he had a vague idea that the life of that lovely young sawbones was menaced by firearms and other engines of war of a peculiarly deadly description. He felt that the punishment was too severe for the crime. Magruder himself, he was convinced, would have regarded that orbicularis operation with courageous fortitude and heroic composure.

Mrs. Magruder then proceeded to give the class practice in certain operations in medical treatment. She vaccinated Magruder on the left arm, while one of the students bled his right arm and showed her companions how to tie up a vein. They applied leeches to his nose under the professor's instructions; they cupped him on the shoulder blades; they exercised themselves in spreading mustard plasters on his back; they timed his pulse; they held out his tongue with pinchers and examined it with a microscope, and two or three enthusiastic students kept hovering round Magruder's leg with a saw and a carving knife until Magruder's brother in retirement in the cupboard shuddered with apprehension.

At last Magruder began to revive. He turned over; he sat up; he stared wildly at the company; he looked at his wife; then he sank back upon the sofa and said to her in a feeble voice:

"Henrietta, somehow or other I feel awfully funny."

Funny! Magruder's brother considered that after the performance of the class Magruder ought to feel funny enough to edit a comic paper. He emerged from the cupboard, and seizing a chair determined to tell the whole story. Mrs. Magruder and the class screamed, but he proceeded. Then up rose Magruder and discussed the subject with vehemence, while his brother brandished his chair and joined in the chorus.

Mrs. Magruder and the class cried, and said Mr. Magruder was a brute and had no love for science. But Mr. Magruder said that as for himself, "Hang science!" when a woman became so infatuated with it as to chop up her husband to help it along. And his brother said that he ought to put it in even stronger terms than that.—Yankee Blade.

Nests of Water Birds.

With all birds, so far as I am able to learn, the exit is a point of observation for the sitter, from which it can get a view of friends and foes. The owls and hawks from an elevated position can command a fine view of the surroundings. With all aquatic birds the sitter almost invariably occupies a position presenting toward the water. Shore birds, as the sandpipers, rest on their nests in a position to best view the stream or pond. Rails and gallinules face the water, the latter usually building so that they can plunge from their homes directly into their favorite channels.

The loon, which builds or rather forms its nest away out from shore in a mass of vegetable matter, usually the foundation of an old muskrat's house, invariably faces the open deep water. From that position it can slide into the lake at a second's notice. Any one can prove this position of the loon by examining the premises when the owner is away. The nest proper is a troughlike depression, evidently formed by the bird's efforts at hollowing rather than in building up the sides. This oblong depression is 1½ feet long and over 10 inches wide, and the eggs are always placed from three-fifths to two-thirds of the distance from the front end.—Science.

Not a Homelike Greeting.

"Home once more!" muttered the weary man as he leaned on his well worn staff and surveyed the village. "The hope that has hitherto buoyed me up now almost deserts me, and I gaze around at the strange faces and shops that have sprung up in the streets. How different is everything from what I left it when a boy! Where is the old familiar baker's shop around the corner outside of which we used to spin our tops? Where the cheery old wheelwright? And—can it be possible—they have pulled down the church and built a"——

"Now, then, git out o' this!" said the policeman. "Muddleton ain't the place for the likes o' you!"

"Muddleton!" exclaimed the weary traveler. "Where's Puddleton, then?"

"Twenty mile on."

And so it was. He had mistaken the road and come to the wrong village.—London Tit-Bits.

Doubly Terrible.

Little Dick—Why are you girls so afraid of bats?

Little Dot—Ooo! A bat is a mouse on wings.—Good News.

What Antone Found in the Coal.

It was a queer find, that of Antone Hagenlocker, and none can blame him for being surprised. Antone is an engineer in the employ of the Ansonia Brass and Copper company, and as he placed an extra large lump of soft coal under the boiler he had no thoughts of what that lump of coal contained. A few minutes later he opened the furnace door again, and what was his surprise to see in the furnace a handsome plant resembling a species of cactus! It was bright red from the heat, every vein in the leaves being defined. He carefully removed it from the furnace without breaking, and when it cooled it turned to a dull gray color.

It rests on a base of coal and then stands out a well defined petrified plant, but not carbonized, so that it burned as readily as did the coal surrounding it. He has shown the formation to many, and nothing like it has ever been seen here. The stalk of the plant where cut from the parent stem is well defined. Mr. Hagenlocker is to have it mounted and placed under a glass case.—Waterbury (Conn.) American.

In September We Realize That——

Latin roots lie deeply buried.
Wrappers are among the necessities.
School dresses must be donned again.
Summer roses have withered and gone.
The peach season does not last forever.
July and August do not complete the heated term.
Carpet bugs and moths have taken no summer rest.
Ministers have grown energetic, eloquent and inspiring.
Lunch baskets must be filled with choicest, daintiest bits.
"There's no place like home," and winter quarters must be secured.
The fluttering of birds' wings is only a premonition of the long journey south.
No tracks are to be found on sandy beaches, summer acquaintances are of the past and the pets have been brought home.—Good Housekeeping.

Storage Batteries for Dwellings.

A company has been formed in Vienna with the idea of serving charged storage battery cells to the houses, in the same way in which milk, ice and other commodities are served. The wagons for supplying these accumulators make regular trips through the suburbs of Vienna daily, distributing their cells fully charged and taking away others whose energy has been exhausted.—Exchange.

THE REASON.

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8 Years,
10 Years,

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Harper's Magazine for 1893 will continue to maintain the unrivalled standard of excellence which has characterized it from the beginning. Among the notable features of the year there will be new novels by A. Conan Doyle, Constance Fenimore Woolson and William Black. Short stories will be contributed by the most popular writers of the day, including Mary E. Wilkins, Richard Harding Davis, Margaret Deland, Brander Matthews, and many others. The illustrated descriptive papers will embrace articles by Julian Ralph on new southern and western subjects; by Theodore Child on India; by Poultney Bigelow on Russia and Germany; by Richard Harding Davis on a London Season; by Colonel T. A. Dodge on Eastern Riders, etc. Edwin A. Abbey's illustrations of Shakespeare's Comedies will be continued. Literary articles will be contributed by Charles Eliot Norton, Mrs. James T. Fields, William Dean Howells, Brander Matthews, and others.

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THE SUPERVISORS

APPOINT DR. LEACH COUNTY PHYSICIAN.

Judicial Township No. 10 Formed—Another Report on the Court-house Additions.

The matter of the appointment of a county physician was decided by the board of supervisors yesterday, Dr. Lewis Leach being the successful applicant. Besides his offers to parform the work were received from Dr. F. M. Sponogle, who named $1800 as his figure; Dr. J. R. Reily, $1500; Drs. T. R. Meux and W. T. Maupin named no salary, Dr. Leach offered to do the work for $2000. He was allowed this salary, and his term fixed at one year. The ballot was secret.

The board granted the petition for a new judicial township, to be known as the Tenth, and to comprise the following precincts: Flume, Brown's, Crane Valley, Walker's, Enterprise, Coarse Gold and Hildreth.

The court house janitor was ordered to have a telephone put up in the district attorney's office.

J. L. Morgan was appointed constable of the recently created Ninth judicial township.

The matter of the appointment of a court house janitor was continued indefinitely.

Another report was received by the supervisors on the court house construction. It is by A. C. Swartz, appointed by the board to superintend the work for the county. His figures show that the county is ahead $6557.79 by the changes made in the construction of the court house additions, which sum he assumes the contractor will allow the county, a conclusion entirely different from that arrived at by the grand jury experts.

A FAREWELL SOCIAL

Given to L. H. McKimish o Engine No. 2.

The K-street engine house was ablaze with light and resplendent with beauty Tuesday evening, the occasion being a farewell party to L. H. McKimish, the handsome assistant foreman of engine company No. 2.

The affair was arranged with the greatest secrecy and proved a genuine surprise to Mr. McKimish. Dancing was the order of the evening, after which a bounteous repast was served. It was a most enjoyable event.

There were present Misses Lizzie Dorgan, Nattie Lynch, Mamie Anderson, Alice Cole Mae and Minnie Lundy; George F. Bishle, E. Bast, George Anderson, George Witt, Harry Bush, W. M. Hughes, F. Burks, George Ramsey and others.

Mr. McKimish left yesterday morning for San Francisco to accept the responsible and lucrative position of assistant superintendent of the Bell Telephone company.

Judge Downey in Trouble.

A dispatch was received by Constable Shaw yesterday informing him that W. C. Downey ex-justice of the peace of Fresno Flats had been detained at Mojave and asking Constable Shaw to send after the prisoner.

Judge Downey is wanted here on a charge of embezzling $10 from Robert Laramore. Deputy Constable Russell went after the prisoner this morning.

Horse and Buggy Stolen.

A horse and buggy belonging to Mrs. Hilton were stolen last night from 1744 M street. The horse is roan colored and weighs 1000 pounds.

Wanted to Know About It.

WASHINGTON, January 4.—Congressman Owen Scott of Illinois today introduced a resolution calling upon the secretary of the treasury for information regarding the progress of public buildings in various parts of the country for which appropriations were made in 1890. Upon investigation and inquiry of the supervising architect, Mr. Scott finds that of seventy-five buildings, improvements and extensions, for which appropriations were made in 1890, contracts for erection were let for only fifteen; for 100 others partial contracts only were let, and on fifty others nothing had been done. Mr. Scott insists that contracts for public buildings be systematically held up because of the depleted condition of the treasury, and it appears to have been the policy of the administration to avoid every step which would require cash from the government.

A Probable Murder.

MODESTO, January 4.—Further particulars of the death of Lafayette Steele show that death was caused by a pistol ball through the head. The killing happened about dark last evening while Steele was plowing. Two small sons claim to have been aquarter of a mile away and heard their father scream and fall. When they reached him he was dead. County Physician Evans held a post mortem this morning and found the bullet in the pulmonary artery. Coroner Bentley has taken charge of the remains, and has sent in for the sheriff and district attorney. The inquest will be held this afternoon upon their arrival. Steele was on his own ranch, twelve miles northwest of Modesto. The examining physician gives it as his opinion that it was murder, and could not have been suicide. Steele was aged 42 years, and leaves a wife and eleven children.

To Postpone Elections.

ALBANY, January 4.—The constitutional amendment bill postponing elections until November passed both houses.

THE COUNTY MEDICOS.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS HELD LAST NIGHT.

An Interesting Paper by Dr. G. A. Hare—A Banquet After the Meeting.

The regular monthly meeting of the Fresno County Medical society was held last evening at the offices of Drs. A. J. Pedlar and T. M. Hayden, the attendance being quite good.

There were present Drs. G. H. Aiken, E. C. Dunn, A. G. Deardorff, C. A. Rowell, George A. Hare, W. T. Maupin, J. L. Maupin, Jesse D. Hare, T. R. Meux, J. R. Reily, A. J. Pedlar, T. M. Hayden, S. K. Church; also, Drs. E. E. Brown, P. N. Russell and J. F. Burns, of Selma.

The paper for this meeting had been prepared by Dr. G. A. Hare, the subject being "The Radical Cure of Uterine Displacements." It was a very able and interesting paper, and led to considerable discussion. This finished, the election of officers for the ensuing term was held, with the following result:

President, Dr. T. R. Meux; first vice president, Dr. E. C. Dunn; second vice president, Dr. G. H. Aiken; secretary, Dr. Starr King Church; assistant secretary, Dr. P. N. Russell of Selma. It was decided to hold the next meeting at Dr. Aiken's offices.

After the meeting the medicos were invited by Drs. Pedlar & Hayden to partake of a collation at Sam Zeitz's on I street. Covers for eighteen persons were laid in the banquet room. The table presented an exquisite appearance with its glass ornaments, flowers and handsome table ware. The collation was such as to reflect the highest credit on Zeitz as a caterer, being a culinary chef d'oeuvre. The solid food was accompanied by a proper proportion of liquids of excellent quality.

Of course, with such inspiration for the inner man it is not surprising that the speeches were witty and entertaining and that the guests lingered long over the festive board.

THE NEW OFFICIALS.

They Began Work in Earnest Yesterday Morning.

The newly elected county officials entered upon their terms yesterday. Taking into consideration the radical changes, the confusion was very slight. The retiring officials had finished their work as nearly as possible up to date, and the new ones received the books in good condition.

The names of most of the deputies of the new officials were given in THE REPUBLICAN some weeks ago, and there have been but few changes since then. District Attorney Church has concluded that he will need a third assistant after all, and has appointed C. C. Merriam, an able and painstaking lawyer. Miss Lou Bearden, a competent young lady, has been appointed stenographer.

County Clerk Shepherd has disposed of his force as follows: Lon R. Williams and Frank Rowell will remain in the office. E. T. Wolcott has been assigned to Judge Harris' court and David Cosgrave to Judge Holmes' court. J. B Johnson will act as clerk for the supervisors.

The names of the copyists in the recorder's office were given in yesterday's REPUBLICAN. They will go on duty this morning. The chief assistant is R. L. Peeler, and Jim Dailey of Madera is a deputy.

The force in the sheriff's office has been disposed as it was stated in THE REPUBLICAN it would be. Auditor R. H. Austin has appointed J. W. Coffman as his deputy.

At the turning over of the county clerk's office one of the first acts was the counting of the Peruvian silver coin found in Chris Evans' yard, which he is alleged to have stolen from the express car during the recent train robbery. Everything was in good condition.

LON WILLIAMS

Will Be Examined for Admission to the Bar.

In department 1 of the superior court yesterday Reel B. Terry made a motion asking the court to appoint a committee to examine A. C. Williams for admission to the bar. The court appointed Attorneys Reel B. Terry, O. G. Sayle and G. B. Graham, and fixed January 7th as the date for the examination.

Mr. Williams has been studying diligently for some time past and will no doubt pass an excellent examination. Besides this he has gained invaluable experience during his long term as county clerk. This together with his well known probity and conscientiousness will ensure him a successful career in his new profession.

Kicked by a Horse.

F. R. Dunlap of Nevada colony was kicked on the forehead, over the left eye, by a vicious horse yesterday while working in his stable. He came to Fresno, where his wound was dressed by Drs. Deardorff and Davidson. The wound is painful but not serious.

Short But Gory.

SAN FRANCISCO, January 4.—Henry Peppers, colored heavy weight of Los Angeles, knocked out William Sellner in the fourth round at the California Athletic club tonight. Sellner was badly punished and bled profusely.

Killed Her Lover and Herself.

NEW YORK, January 4.—According to a dispatch from Whitehall, N. J., Nora Bott of that place shot and instantly killed Edward Smith, to whom she was betrothed, and then blew her own brains out. They had quarreled during the day.

Continuous and increased use attest the great merit of the Royal Baking Powder.

The sales of Royal Baking Powder during the month of October, 1892, were greater than during any other October in the history of the Company. This increase alone exceeds in amount the total sales per month of any other baking powder.

MUNICIPAL MORALITY

ENDANGERED BY EXISTING CONDITIONS.

The Thug Element in Governmental Affairs Must be Suppressed.

EDITOR REPUBLICAN.—A subject of most vital importance to the people of this city at this time is the renovation of our municipal government and the purification of the political atmosphere and public morals. All others sink into insignificance in comparison to this one.

There is not a citizen in Fresno, be he decent or otherwise, but knows that our city politics is dominated to such an extent by the vicious and immoral element that it is impossible to inaugurate and carry out any reforms as conditions now exist. That laws are not enforced, and vice and crime are permitted without serious hindrance is patent to every resident and visitor to Fresno. One does not need to stroll through Chinatown to witness the moral corruption that exists here in our midst. The vilest dens to be found anywhere may be found right here on our business streets unmolested; witnessed by our mothers and sisters, our wives and daughters. Gambling thrives here.

If our officers are not doing their duty they are not alone to blame. The law abiding and moral citizens have not given such aid to the officers as to inspire confidence that they would receive the moral support in an effort to deal severely with vice, while on the other hand, the immoral element which is always aggressive, has wielded its power with an effectiveness so far that has proved a barrier against all efforts to storm their castle.

Such a state of affairs will continue to exist until the political bosses are retired, and office holders are not dependent on gamblers and Chinatown thugs for the positions they hold. Should this state of affairs continue to exist, or will the respectable element rise up and in their might crush their power and having done so drive from our midst the vicious and disreputable class that has already brought discredit on our beautiful and prosperous city, and whose influence is daily dragging down to disgrace and ruin the sons and daughters of some of our best families?

The crisis is at hand. It is only a question of whether law and order and decency shall prevail or whether the low, vulgar and vicious shall be permitted to continue to defy our laws and corrupt our social and political systems. It is a fight of the law-loving and moral citizen, who possesses an instinct above the brute, on the one hand against the low gambling macquereau element on the other. Either Fresno must rid herself of the power of this element or go down in disgrace.

In a few months we are to have a city election, and with it a possible change of administration. Every manager of the low dive, the gambler, the mac and the thief will array himself against any good moral man either political party may place in the field, and with the aid of political prejudice endeavor to accomplish his defeat. The only way such a result can be averted is for the better class of our citizens to throw themselves into this fight, and with ceaseless and untiring energy use their personal strength and influence in placing in the field for office the very best citizens who are above suspicion, and who are not hampered by corrupt political associations. A ticket thus placed in the field and supported by the better element, without reference to past or present political affiliations will win.

Let every respectable citizen set to work and aid in every way possible the inauguration of a vigorous and active campaign on this basis from this time until the last ballot is deposited on the eve of election day. Lay aside all political bias and personalities and go into this fight on a higher plane than mere political advantage, and with a determination to win, and when such a result is attained our police and other officers will know that they owe their position to the suffrages of the respectable class of our people, and not to the scum class through the medium of the ward politician. Then, and not until then, may we expect any good results.

H. F. CLIFTON.

The Court House Job.

The effusions on the construction of the new court house occupy a great deal of space in the Fresno papers now. We are glad to see the matter freely discussed. If there be no jobbery in the affair, no one will be injured by making all the transactions public, and if there has been any crooked work it is eminently proper that everything connected therewith should be thrown open to the public gaze and let the blame rest where it belongs. A little less conservatism on the part of public servants and a little more regard for the wishes of those who have to pay for all public works would not be out of place we believe.—Selma Irrigator.

The Wrong Topham.

Constable Matheson returned yesterday from San Jose where he had gone to take H. A. Topham in custody on a charge of forgery.

Topham cashed a forged check for $25 at the Hughes hotel and a similar check at John Drager's saloon. The constable went to San Jose in obedience to a telegram announcing that Topham had been arrested there. It was found that it was not Topham, but his brother who was in custody, and the constable was obliged to return empty handed.

A Queer Pledge.

A gentleman without teeth met a friend yesterday and requested him to do him the favor to deliver the following order on a pawnbroking firm here:

"Messers Michaelian and Azhderian: Please deliver my teeth to G. Fuller, the bearer, and oblige."

Here follows the signature. The toothless man had pawned his set of false teeth and was ready to redeem them.

The Luck of the Cains.

The cases against Silas L. Cain and Henry Cain in Visalia have been dismissed on the grounds of insufficient evidence to convict. They were charged with stealing forty head of cattle from the Willis ranch.

Insurance Company Sued.

Suit has been brought by Mrs. L. B. McWhirter in the United States circuit court, through her attorneys, Thornton & Merzbach of San Francisco and Thompson & King of this city, against the Connecticut Mutual Life Insurance company to recover $20,000, the amount of a policy on the life of her late husband, who was assassinated last summer.

Downey Arrested.

W. C. Downey arrived in Fresno yesterday morning from Mojave in the custody of Deputy Constable Russell. He is charged with embezzling $10 from Robert Laramore. Justice Austin fixed his bond at $100, which he furnished. Downey's trial is fixed for January 9th. He says he is not guilty.

Another Insolvent.

Charles W. Bruce, a farmer and fruit grower, filed a petition in insolvency in the superior court yesterday. His liabilities amount to $2754 71. Assets, real estate valued at $2000 and incumbered in the sum of $1260. Exempt property, $318. Nearly all the creditors are Fresnoans.

THE TIMBER BELT.

A GREAT INDUSTRY SUPPORTED BY IT.

55,000,000 Feet of Lumber Cut in Our Mountains During 1892.

The lumber industry of Fresno county takes rank with the most important. The capital invested therein is about $2,500,000 and it gives employment to nearly 2000 men.

The western slope of the Sierra Nevada range in this county is densely covered with timber of great commercial value. The timber belt is about twenty-five miles wide and sixty miles long, having an area of over 1500 square miles. The most valuable timber is that of the famous Sequoia gigantea (the big trees of California), sugar pine and yellow pine; there is also a large quantity of red fir, white fire, white cedar and oak.

The supply of timber seems almost inexhaustible. The busy saws of the industry have been gnawing away at these immense forests for twenty years or more, but have made no appreciable impression. During the past eight or nine years the cut has been particularly heavy.

There are now about twelve saw mills in the mountains, whose aggregate output of lumber is estimated to have reached 55,000,000 feet in 1892. At an average price of $15 per thousand the value of this lumber would be $825,000.

Of this amount 20,000,000 feet were turned out by the Kings River Lumber company of Sanger and about 15,000,000 feet were cut by the Madera Flume and Trading Company of Madera. Each of these concerns has two mills of great capacity in the mountains and blind, sash and box factories in Sanger and Madera respectively. These factories are connected with the mills by flumes exceeding fifty miles in length, down which the lumber is floated as soon as cut.

Notwithstanding the large output of lumber in this county there is a considerable quantity of lumber imported from the north, Oregon, Washington, etc. This is partly because some people have an erroneous idea that the imported lumber is slightly superior in some respects to the home product, and also because the Fresno county lumber is not long enough for some purposes. The longest lumber cut here does not exceed fifty feet, it being impossible to flume down lumber of greater length.

The cut this year will be larger than ever, as there will be a new company in the field—the Fresno Flume and Trading company—better known locally as the Pine Ridge Flume company. This concern will erect saw mills of great capacity at Pine Ridge, about forty miles from the city of Fresno. These mills will be connected with blind, sash and door factories in this city by a flume, part of which has already been constructed.

A NEGLECTED WIFE.

She Wants a Divorce from Her Husband.

In the superior court yesterday Etta J. Shafer filed a suit for divorce against Dayton Shafer. The plaintiff alleges that she and defendant intermarried at Salem, Or., on September 16, 1891.

She accuses defendant of having willfully neglected to provide for her (though having the ability to do so), by reason of his idleness, profligacy and dissipation. In consequence she has had to depend upon her own exertions and the charity of friends and relatives for the means to live on.

She alleges further that not only has the defendant neglected to provide for her, but has made life so burdensome to her by reason of his misconduct and illtreatment of her that she has been obliged for more than three months last past to live apart from defendant.

There is not now nor has there ever been any community property. Plaintiff asks that the bonds of matrimony between her and defendant be dissolved, and that she be allowed to resume her maiden name of Etta J. Parker. Dante R. Prince is attorney for the plaintiff.

FOWLER.

Items of Interest From That Enterprising Town.

Special Correspondence of The Republican.

Messrs. Ellis, Yount and Todd, who have been working near Herndon the past few months, surprised their friends in Fowler by making them a New Year's call.

Mrs. Dave Ash is visiting her mother near Pollasky.

W. F. Blainey's teams started for the West Side Monday to put in wheat.

Mr. Scott, living north of town, is building an addition to his house. It looks rather suspicious when you see an old bachelor enlarging his house. How about it Mr. Scott?

Miss Mabel Nurris started for Oakland on Monday to resume her course of studies again.

Perry Elder, who has been on the West Side putting in wheat, was seen in town New Year's Eve.

Miss Helle Garratte, who has been spending the holidays at her home in Berkeley, returned Monday evening. She speaks of having had a pleasant time.

The watch social given by the Good Templars on New Year's Eve was an enjoyable affair. While some were pinning the tail on the donkey, others were amusing themselves with the bean bags, halma and other simple games. This was kept up till a late hour, when refreshments were served.

On Tuesday evening a number of the friends of Mr. A. J. Ronzine gave him a pleasant surprise at his home north of town. The evening was passed with music and games, after which refreshments were served. Those present were Mrs. Stewart, Misses Jennie Lisk, Ida Trowbridge, Lulu Wilson, Belle Patten, Carrie Elder, Lulu Harlan, Lena Murston, Messrs. Joe Ronzine, Vern and A. J. Rudy, Willie Norris, Charles Ritter, Charles Pollick and J. C. Long.

SUNSHINE.

CHINESE COMPETITION.

Messenger Boys Prevented by it From Picking Oranges.

Willie Band, aged 15, and Willie Kermode, aged 16, American District messenger boys of San Francisco, ran away from San Francisco and took a box car en route to look out for a job at orange picking in Los Angeles county.

When they reached Goshen they met a squad returning from Los Angeles who had been unable to get work because of Chinese competition.

This discouraged Band and Kermode and they started back, lying off at Fresno yesterday to inspect the town. They were arrested by Policeman Johnston and were sent back to San Francisco on this morning's train.

Wants the Candelaria.

NEW ORLEANS, January 4.—A Durango, Mexico, dispatch says that Mark Birmingham has commenced suit in the Mexican courts to obtain possession of the famous Candelaria mines from the Mexican Candelaria Consolidated company, a California corporation.

If your doctor will not tell you what ails you, and put it in writing, don't you take his medicines. Drs. Brown & Harris, the specialists, do business on business principles. Consult them regarding your chronic ailments. We know they are reliable, and best of all, reasonable in their charges.

SPOILED GIRLS.

IN MOST CASES THE PRODUCT OF THEIR MOTHERS.

Sensible Remarks on Flirtation and a Well Aimed Shot at Some Married Men.

DEAR REPUBLICAN.—I have just been reading in a recent issue of your paper the remarks made in "Paul Prowler's" letter, and I feel I must answer it, in speaking of the "well dressed, handsome, idle scoundrels," and deploring the fact that, as long as they exist, it is impossible to prevent the system of immorality.

I differ with him entirely. He says that the whole thing starts with the "harmless flowers of flirtation." It starts a great deal earlier than that. It has its birth just when the foolish, frivolous, fond mother of a pretty 3 or 4-year-old daughter begins talking before her to some lady or gentleman caller, something after this style: "Well, I'm sure I don't know what on earth I'm going to do with that young one; you just bet I'll have my hands full when she grows up. Why, she is a regular born flirt. You just ought to see how she uses her eyes and smiles at the gentlemen when I take her out," etc., etc.

Then she dresses her up exactly after the style of a grown up young lady, talks all the time about her pretty new dresses, shoes, etc. The bright little mite soon understands it all, and then all her little cute sayings are repeated before her to every one that comes in, and the result is what Paul Prowler talks about.

Mothers, bring up your girls to know that any notice from a stranger is an insult and not a compliment. No girl should smile or speak to any man without an introduction.

Mothers, make companions and confidants of your girls. Let them feel that no one is so jolly as "mother." Tell them of the good times you had when you were a girl. See that they have good sociable times in their own homes. Go out with them or let some reliable friend accompany them, to dances especially. If you can't do this let them stay at home, and they'll thank you for it bye and bye.

Never let them accept presents of money, etc., from any one not an old and tried family friend. Don't let them place themselves under any obligations to any one unless with your approval. If these things are attended to we shall very seldom see Paul Prowler's drama enacted anywhere, and the flirting, unfaithful wife and frivolous girl will cease to trouble the "hard working fathers" and "downtrodden husbands."

By the way, are these self-same fathers and husbands always immaculate? It's not always the single men who flirt with the school girls, is it? How about that, Paul Prowler? Yours for the school girls,

A DEEP THINKER.

THE CONTEST.

Nine Precincts Counted Yesterday—Few Changes.

The election contest is still in progress before Judge Law. Yesterday the following precincts were counted: Scandinavian, Pleasant Valley, Pine Ridge, Cantus, Hildreth, West Park, Panoche, Hughes Creek and Flume.

In Scandinavian Austin lost one and in Pine Ridge he gained one. In West Park Freman and Machen lost one each. In Pleasant Valley precinct Austin gained two, Freman gained one and Norris gained two. There were no changes in the other precincts.

Pine Ridge precinct, which was counted yesterday, is the one which the contestants wish thrown out because the election for that precinct was held outside of its limits. The supervisors designated Kenyon's store as the polling place for that precinct. But the election was held instead in a small building from seventy-five to 100 yards from Kenyon's and beyond the boundaries of the precinct.

Several witnesses were examined who testified to these facts. Mr. Kenyon said the election was held in section 9, which is not in Pine Ridge precinct. Further evidence will be introduced by the contestants on this point.

The court decided to admit a number of precincts as evidence without identification of the returns by the persons who delivered them to the county clerk, something he has refused to allow heretofore.

F. J. Burleigh was put on the stand to show that the ink in one of the booths in Fresno No. 7 had been spilt, soiling the desk. This was to account for ink blots on a Republican ballot which had been rejected by the court on account of its soiled condition, which the court thought might have been done purposely to identify the ballot.

DR. LAURA A. HARRIS.

She is a Regular Graduate of Willamette University.

A REPUBLICAN reporter called yesterday on Dr. Laura A. Harris of Drs. Brown & Harris, corner of I and Mariposa streets, to interview her with reference to the charge made against her by Dr. Maupin of practicing medicine without a proper certificate. Dr. Harris, who is a beautiful and affable lady laughed when the reporter announced his errand.

"There is absolutely nothing in the charge," she said. "It was preferred against me because we advertise and because we are doing a bigger business than many of the doctors here. I hold a medical diploma from Willamette University, Oregon, a reputable institution whose graduates are recognized by the regular medical profession in Fresno and elsewhere. I hold also a certificate from Professor Samuel Schenk, professor of Histology, Embryology and Pathology in the University of Vienna, Austria; also one from Professor Vice, Professor of Obstetrics, and one from Augustus Srnn of the same University. I studied under each of them.

"I sent my diploma together with a statement, the required $5 fee, and a letter of recommendation from James Brown, M.D.L.D., Secretary of the State Board of Health of Oregon to Dr. Wadsworth, Secretary of the California Board of Health, asking him for a certificate to practice. I called on Dr. Wadsworth on November 9th and he told me that my application had been received too late for the action of the board at that meeting, but that it would be attended to at the next meeting, the second Tuesday in December. He said that I might open my office, that it would be all right and that there was no reason why my certificate should not be granted. But since I have begun to advertise the matter has been delayed. I am entitled to the certificate and I have taken all the steps necessary to obtain it. It is no fault of mine if the state board of health has failed to do its duty."

The specialists, Drs. Brown & Harris, 1745 Mariposa street, will be pleased to take your case. They make a written diagnosis and prognosis of your chronic ailment. Understanding their business, and thoroughly competent, they are not afraid to put it in writing.

A Murderous Brute.

HUNTINGTON, W. Va., January 4.—John Rose, colored, today stabbed Mrs. Mattie Grover in the jugular vein with a knife and then shot her four times, one ball passing directly through her heart. Rose was pursued a short distance by officers and captured. The officers had a hard time keeping off an infuriated mob who wanted to lynch the black brute. The indignation of the people is such that it is almost certain Rose will be taken from jail and hanged.

THE RECOUNT.

RAPID PROGRESS WAS MADE YESTERDAY.

Many Changes in Madera Precinct No. 1—Norris' Majority Slightly Reduced.

The hearing of the election contests of Freman vs. Austin and Machen vs. Norris was resumed in department one of the superior court yesterday, Judge J. K. Law of Merced occupying the bench.

The count proceeded much more rapidly yesterday, matters having been more systematized. No new law points came up. The precincts counted yesterday were Raymond, Washington colony, Sanger No. 1, Madera No. 1, Belmont, Selma No. 1 and Selma No 2.

Madera No. 1 will probably turn out the banner precinct in the matter of changes. In this precinct Austin lost 5, Freman 6, Norris 8 and Machen 4. These ballots were thrown out by the court because they had on them ink blots evidently made with ink different from that used in making the ballots. The court held in a similar case some days ago that these blots may have been put on the ballots in order to identify them.

In Sanger No. 1 Austin and Norris each lost one ballot. This ballot was thrown out because there was no cross visible opposite the names, only a blot. Norris lost one in Raymond and Freman one in Washington colony. In Belmont precinct Austin lost another ballot, an ink blot appearing in place of a cross. In Selma No. 2 Austin and Norris lost one each.

Counsel for the contestants objected to the counting of two straight Democratic tickets in Selma No. 1 on the ground that the crosses had not been made with the stamp. The crosses were about two times as large as the one made by the regular stamp. The court ruled, however, that the crosses may have been thus lengthened by the stamp sliding along the paper.

Another instance was where a Democratic ballot had the words "yes" and "no" written in lead pencil after some proposed amendments instead of the stamp, as required by law. Contestants' counsel claimed that this might have been done by the voter to identify the ballot, and asked that it be thrown out. The court held, however, that the identification was not sufficient to reject the ballot.

Up to the present about six ballots have been ruled out because the cross had been stamped by the voters after the names instead of after the party designations. The changes made so far reduce Norris' majority from 18 to 16. Austin still retains his old majority of 6.

NEW SUITS

Filed Yesterday in the Superior Court.

Robert Kennedy, by his attorneys, Grady & Gallagher, filed a suit in the superior court yesterday against W. D. Nelson for debt. The plaintiff seeks to recover $750 and $4,238 80 loaned to the defendant on two promissory notes.

Richard Sinnott et al. have brought suit against Julia A. Tarbox et al. to quiet title to section 36, township 7 south, range 24 east. George A. Nourse is attorney for plaintiffs.

Sarah Cummings, by her attorney, Sam Jackson, has filed suit against D. L. Scott to foreclose a mortgage on lots 23 and 24, block 192, Fresno, given to secure a note of $600.

W. O. Morser yesterday filed a petition in insolvency in the superior court. A. M. Drew is the petitioner's attorney.

D. G. Kent et al. brought suit against W. M. Williams et al. in the superior court yesterday. Plaintiffs allege they entered into an agreement with Williams to sell him certain realty in Oakland for $22,500. Williams, by the terms of said contract, agreed to deliver a deed in escrow to First National bank of Oakland for certain land belonging to him in this county as security for the payment to plaintiffs of a promissory note of $22,500.

In pursuance of said agreement plaintiffs surrendered their premises in Oakland to Williams, who has retained possession thereof since. Later the deed in escrow was delivered to plaintiffs by Williams. Plaintiffs allege they have demanded the payment of the $22,500, but that Williams has neglected to pay the same. They therefore ask judgment that the deed be declared in the nature of a mortgage, and that the usual foreclosure proceedings be had.

SHOT IN THE LEG.

A Burglar Caught in the Act is Wounded.

Between 2 and 3 o'clock this morning Officer Smith heard sounds of some one endeavoring to cut an entrance through the back door of the Gilt Edge saloon, on I street, near police headquarters.

After assuring himself he found Officer Babcock and together the officers proceeded to the alley and to the gate in the rear of the lot.

From their position they could see a man at work on the door. Officer Babcock spoke to the burglar, who, on being detected, ran up the stairs.

The officer also started and told him to stop or he would shoot. But Mr. Burglar didn't stop, when the officer shouted again. Still he failed to heed the good advice, when the officer sent a 41 after him, which found a lodgment in the left leg a little above the ankle.

The bone was badly broken.

This had the desired effect and the officers went to where the wounded man laid groaning. They found that they had nailed Dick Sanchez, a painter and a reputed fiend, a bottle of morphine being found on his person.

Sanchez was conveyed to the jail, Dr. Leach sent for, who had him taken to the hospital.

The police have been watching Dick for several weeks.

In a short time Sanchez would have been inside the saloon, a hole two inches in diameter having been cut in the door.

URGLAR SANCHEZ.

He Will Be Likely to Lose a Piece of His Leg.

Richard Sanchez, the burglar who was shot by Policeman Babcock yesterday morning while trying to break into the Gilt Edge saloon, is still at the county hospital. Dr. Leach expressed the opinion yesterday that unless a change takes place for the better within a day or two it will be necessary to amputate Sanchez' leg.

The burglar had made two notches with his penknife in the door casing on the outside, marking the location of the bolt and the lock. This was done some time in the afternoon of the day before and his intention evidently was to cut a hole opposite the bolt and another opposite the lock and thus get the door open.

When surprised by the police Sanchez had cut a hole about two inches in diameter on a line with the bolt inside the door.

W. H. Eller Arrested for Felony.

W. H. Eller, foreman of the Fresno vineyard, was arrested yesterday on complaint of E. Weiderman who charged him with an assault with a deadly weapon. Weiderman says that Eller attacked him with a knife.

The prisoner was brought before Justice of the Peace Austin and his examination was set for January 10. Eller furnished $500 bonds.

A VERY HOT BLISTER

CAUSES A DAMAGE SUIT FOR $10,000.

Frank and Hattie Smith Sue a Well-known Druggist for That Sum.

Yesterday was a busy day in the clerk's office, half a dozen or more suits being filed. There had been a lull in litigation, which seems destined to be followed by a boom. One of the most important suits filed yesterday was that of Frank and Hattie Smith against James A. Webster and Webster Bros.

The plaintiffs set out by alleging they are husband and wife, and that the defendant, James A. Webster, is a druggist, being a member of the firm of Webster Bros., the other defendants. Some time in January of last year the plaintiff, Hattie Smith, being sick, applied to Dr. C. H. Adair, a physician of this city, for medical treatment.

The doctor prescribed for said plaintiff a certain plaster, the constituents of which were to be belladonna, over which was to be evaporated a solution of chloroform and atropa, said constituents to be specifically proportioned in quantity. This plaster was to be applied to the seat of pain on the person of Hattie Smith.

Mrs. Smith took the prescription to the defendant's drug store, presenting it to James A. Webster, who is alleged to have delivered to her a certain commodity known as fly blister, over which was evaporated a solution of chloroform and atropa, instead of the plaster prescribed by Dr. Adair.

Believing the plaster to be the one prescribed, however, Mrs. Smith applied it to her person. It caused her acute pain, but she kept it on for eight hours, when it became unendurable and she had it removed. There appeared in the place where the plaster had been an inflamed and blistered area, by means of which the solution of chloroform and atropa was communicated to her physical system, thereby seriously endangering her life and permanently impairing her health.

All this caused her husband, said plaintiff Frank Smith, to expend large sums of money for medical services, deprived him of the comfort, consolation and companionship of his spouse, and further caused the plaintiff, Hattie Smith, great and permanent pain and suffering; wherefore, plaintiffs pray judgment against defendants for the sum of $10,000 and for costs of suit. Grady & Gallagher are the plaintiffs' attorneys.

IRRIGATION CONGRESS.

An Effort to Have Fresno Selected as the Meeting Place.

A national irrigation congress will probably be held this year in California, and Fresno, and Los Angeles are rival cities for the honor of the meeting.

Several prominent citizens held a meeting in the Hughes hotel yesterday and sent the following dispatch to Governor Markham.

Governor H. H. Markham, Sacramento.

Dear Sir.—The Fresno county board of trade and all others desire that you call a national irrigation congress to meet in Fresno.

THOMAS E. HUGHES, President,
S. H. COLE, Secretary.

Lieutenant Colonel S. S. Wright and L. E. Walker, local agent of the Atlantic & Pacific Railroad company were appointed a committee to wait upon the Governor and urge the claims of Fresno as the place for holding the congress.

A Credit to the County.

THE FRESNO REPUBLICAN issued on New Year's Day a twelve-paged edition containing an elaborate description of the city and the county, together with an exhaustive review of the industries of the past year. The number is an excellent one in every way and makes a good showing, both for the community at large and for the enterprise of the publisher.—San Jose Mercury.

FREE KINDERGARTEN.

It Will be Opened for Pupils Next Monday.

The free kindergarten will be opened next Monday on the corner of E and Mono streets. Miss Lizzie Saunders, formerly of the I street kindergarten has been appointed teacher. Miss Saunders is too well known as a successful and painstaking teacher to require any encomium.

The school will be supported by private subscriptions and is designed for the benefit of children whose parents who are too poor to pay for their tuition. Mrs. Thomas E. Hughes, Mrs. Wiley J. Tinnin and a few other benevolent ladies organized the school after months of planning and hard work. They have succeeded, and the school will stand as a monument of the enterprise and liberality of Fresno ladies.

Only two of the applicants for teachers' certificates have failed to make the required percentage in the test branches. They failed on arithmetic.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

TUESDAY, January 3.

James Sprague to R B Johnson, se¼ of nw¼ of sec 32, tp 12 s, r 22 e; $600.

J T Darling et ux to A P Darling, s½ of nw¼ of sw¼ of sec 33, tp 14 s, r 2 e; $10.

Alex Gordon et ux to Floyd Barr, lots 46 and 47, blk 2, Windsor Terrace; $160.

J T Darling et ux to Alexander Shores, lot 33, blk 3, Darling add to Fresno; $100.

J L Curtis et ux to M C Hoag, lots 27 and 28, blk 11, Woodward's add to Fresno; $100.

A Clark et ux to Fresno Investment company, lots 13 to 16, blk 7 Orchard Hill add to Fresno; $375.

John Wurz et ux to F E Seidel, lots 29 and 30, blk 161, Fresno; $10.

William S Flourney et al. to D N Hershey, ne¼ of sec 20, tp 16 s, r 21 e; $10.

Alice J Woods to George R Flourney, ne¼ of sec 20, tp 16 s, r 21 e; $10.

M C Hoag to J L Curtis, n½ of se¼ of se¼ of sec 24, tp 14 s, r 19 e; $1000.

Moses Shay et ux to Eugene A Wilson, 6 acres off east side of ne¼ of ne¼ of sec 7, tp 16 s, r 22 e; $1500.

WEDNESDAY, January 4.

U S to Joseph P Bowen, e½ of nw¼ of sec 10, w½ of nw¼ of sec 11, t 8 s, r 22 e.

Samuel Dickenson et ux to W L Dickenson, ne¼ of sec 2, se¼ of sec 3, t 17 s, r 21 e; $7000.

Judith D Kennedy to Edward Kennedy, se¼ of sec 31, t 15 s, r 21 e; $10.

Oliver Willcox et al to Henry Wolters et al, nw¼ of lot 3, ne¼ of lot 4, blk A, Wolter's colony; $10.

U S to C W Ward, sw¼ of sec 25, t 13 s, r 11 e.

U S to C E Beck, ne¼ of sec 19, t 13 s, r 12 e.

Pacific Improvement Co to James L Woods, fract lot 7, blk 159, Sanger; $125.

U S to John E Carter, sw¼ of sec 23, t 18 s, r 17 e.

THURSDAY, January 5.

Uriah Toby to Wilhelmine Vogeler et al, s½ of se¼ of nw¼ of sec 35, t 11 s, r 17 e; $5.

Nathan Rosenthal et al to J Faust, lots 1 to 6, 11 to 16, blk 10, Myer's add to Madera; $530.

C S Payne to Leonard Dorsam et al, s½ of lot 18, blk 17, Madera $5.

Thomas E Hughes et ux to Charles Lenz, e½ of s½ of sw¼ of se¼ of sec 22, t 11 s, r 17 e; $50.

William B Hall et ux to John B Perrin et ux, lots 20 and 21, blk 258, Fresno; $10.

Egerton R Bigelow to Angelina M Higgins, se¼ of ne¼ of sec 23, t 14 s, r 21 e.

Samuel Davis to August Erickson, w½ of lot 180, Kingsburg colony; $1050.

D W Parkhurst et al to Isaac A Walton, n½ of lot 5, blk 15, Parkhurst West add to Sanger; $10.

THE COLSON AT HOME

A BRILLIANT SOCIAL EVENT LAST EVENING.

Over 200 Guests Entertained in Their Elegant New Residence.

Captain and Mrs. H. D. Colson gave an at home at their handsome new residence on east Tulare street last evening. Being the first exercise of their well known hospitality since moving into their new home, it partook something of the nature of a house warming.

Though one of the most spacious residences in the city, its capacity was well taxed last evening, there being present more than 200 guests. Captain and Mrs. Colson were assisted in receiving by Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Braly, Mr. and Mrs. John D. Gray, Mr. and Mrs. Alva E. Snow, Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Buker and Mr. W. C. Colson.

The house was brilliantly illuminated throughout, and the apartments devoted to the entertainment of the guests beautifully decorated with trailing plants and flowers procured from San Francisco. The reception rooms were beautifully decorated.

On the second floor were the cloak and conversation rooms. On the third floor, in the billiard rooms, an elegant collation was set out, composed of innumerable delicacies to tickle the palate, and more substantial food for the satisfaction of the inner man.

Hospitality was dispensed by the hosts in their usual charming manner, delighting the large number of people who were there to partake of it. Excellent music had been provided, and this, together with conversation made the time pass most pleasantly. What added to the brilliancy of the occasion were the many handsome toilets worn by the ladies.

The spacious apartments, elegance of appointments and convenience of arrangement makes the Colson residence an ideal one for entertaining. Add to this the savoir faire of such hosts as Mr. and Mrs. Colson and it is not surprising that the event last night was a perfect success.

The Lost Boy Found.

Harry Maxwell, the 8-year-old boy who strayed away last Tuesday afternoon from his parents' home on R street was found at 8 o'clock yesterday morning alive and well and with a full stomach.

He had gone to the house of a family name Gates and informed them that his mother had given him permission to remain there that night. His word was taken and he was put to bed while his parents were in a state of suspense bordering upon frenzy.

Miss Emma McDonald of San Francisco is the guest of Mrs. Bonnell on J street.

ADVERTISED LETTERS.

Unclaimed letters in the postoffice at Fresno, for the week ending January 6, 1893. Parties calling for these letters please say "advertised," and give the date of advertisement. If not called for in fourteen days they will be sent to the dead letter office at Washington, D. C.

Alere, Josie Mrs	Adams, Frankie Mrs
Bauman, J G	Baxter, L B Mrs
Beck & Co, W F	Beckman, Wm
Bello, Wm	Birkell, A T
Bardwell, A W	Benson, E L
Benson, W E	Benson, Wm H
Benson, W	Bryan, Jno R
Burnlido, A Mrs	Barry, J Mrs
Brown, Wm	Brown, Chas
Brown, Ma M Mrs	Brown, Pearl Miss
Brooks, E J Mrs	
Cowery, Clemmie Mrs	Charlton, Chas
Chapman, E W	Chesbro, V M S
Clifford, H K	Curtis, I F
Corbett, Wm	Campbell, Al
Custeren, Chris	Colwell, Chas
Dukyes, Grace	Dohoney, P C
Doly, W Mrs	Dymott, E A Mis
Dick, Mary	Davis, Jno C
Ekkild, N	Edwards, Jno
Englehardt, Mary Mrs	Englehardt, R K
Ellsworth, Frank	Elwell, O F
Fawles, F F	Faucohl, F
Fiske, Geo B	Foster, Ed
Freman, Mrs	
Gafford, Wm	Gibson, Linnie Mrs
Grant, J W	
Hunter, R Mrs	Hayes, Jno W
Hart, J G	Hart, Sampson
Hawkins, Nancy Mrs	Hunnaker, Alma Mrs
Hanley, Maggie Mrs	Heal, W C
Hellevant, E	Hurst, Mr
Hicks, Jas Mrs	Hebson, Kittie
Horward, Joe	Howser, Clara Miss
Hulle, J	Hannon, Emma Mrs
Hanson, G	Harris, Ivey Mr
Harris, Rena E Mrs	
Jerome, J L	Julian, Edward
Johnson, Dick	Jones, E
Keely, Anna Miss 2	Kelly, Wm
Kennedy, Wm Mrs	Koble & Thompson
Kendrick, E L	
LaPlant, J D	Lenolli, Edgar
Lockwood, W H	Leitch, Saml
Lucas, E B	Lucas, A W
Lee, O G G	Liedan, Joe 2
Long, J G	Loomis, Sadie Mrs
Myers, J W	Myers, Darius
Muncey, Harvey	Munger, Timothy
Marshland, Geo	Marks, A C
McTavish, Neil	May, T H
Matzen, H	Mannas, M
McCarthy, W J	McKay, Saed Mrs
McKinnon, Jno A	
Nichols, T Dr	Nelson, Carrie Miss
Noldgrun, A G Mrs	Noldgrun, A G
Neves, Jose Rosa	
Osborn, F W	
Penrose, Lizzie Mrs	Penrose, T Mrs 2
Pinittal, August	Potter & Co
Potter, Walter I	Porter, J
Russell, Joseph D	Riddle, J E
Rawlins, Chas	Renfro, R H
Rogers, H B	Rowe, Wm
Robertson, Wm	Roberts, C Miss
Springer, Willie	Springer, W A
Sproul, Jacob	Skerington, P
Starkey, Mrs	Seal, Annie Miss
Stafford, C S	Sneene, Annie Miss
Stoels, Sherman	Smith, E Miss
Smith, E T	Smith, H T
Smith, I M C	Smith, James 2
Smith, Minnie Miss	Smelly, Chris 2
Steffan, Frederick	Steffy, F M
Shaw, E L	Simmons, Ada
Sunoirs, Josephine Mrs	Swarts, M A
Thevaltes, Harry	Thornton, P B
Thorp, Chas H	Trowbridge, C D
Trowbridge, Mary Mrs	Turner, J C Mrs
Van-Etten, Lee M	
Waterhouse, J F	Wamble, John T
Watt, Joseph	Wisachek, P
Wulvell, W B	Wolters, B
Wilson, Geo R	Williams, Edward
Williams, J	Whitman, H F
Williamson, Sam	Willey, W J
Yelas, E Mrs	Yable, Peter
Zipperan, A E	

FOREIGN LETTERS.

Andrador, Manuel	Costa, Frank B
Castro, Present Miss	Cast, A M Mier.
Cecardini, Modesto	Dinurele, P B
Dgna, H	Domentico, Prato
Frisch, Konrad	Giam, Arbourino
Glsco int, Mrs	Gab-sus, Jose J
Gardelint, Sauvolo	Gamira, Antonio
Hanugues, Jose C	Horth, Francisco M
Loverenz, Aug	L ochesi, Vincenzo
Lembard, Giram	Lornbly, John
Macnl, Jose L	Millsilfn, Vinceyo
Mnzhari, G	Mello, Francisco
Martiz z, Nicolaro N	Morello, El ira Miss
Nestel, Maggie	Orbva, Photarso
Solorsia, Gregoirid	Varzan, Mauricio

N. W. MOODEY, P. M.

MARRIED.

PETTERSON-HANSEN—In Washington colony, December 31, 1892, by Rev. L. D. Higren, Mr. L. G. Petterson and Miss Helma Hansen.

DIED.

HART—In Fresno, January 2, 1893 Jay Sevlere son of J. S. and Annie E. Hart, aged 6 months and 8 days.
Funeral at 1.30 p.m. today.

BECKER—In Fresno, January 2, 1893, Cecella Becker, aged 15 years and 11 months.
Funeral today at 11 a.m.

RAY—In Fresno, January 2, 1893, Fay Ray, aged 1 year and 9 months.
Funeral from the Baptist church today at 2 p.m.

MULLIN—In Fresno, January 2, 1893, Daniel Mullin, a native of Ireland, aged 60 years.

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